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U.N. Council meeting after call by Nixon

East Pakistan said occupied

UNITED NATIONS (Reuter). — **A meeting of the United Nations Security Council was scheduled for late last night Israel time, following a call by President Nixon for the Council to take emergency action to halt the fighting between India and Pakistan. A U.N. spokesman said the meeting would begin as soon as the delegates arrived.**

In announcing the presidential call, White House Press Secretary Ronald Ziegler said East Pakistan was virtually occupied by Indian troops and a continuation of the war would take on increasingly the character of armed attack on the very existence of a member state of the U.N.

"The permanent members of the Security Council have an obligation to end the threat to world peace on the most urgent basis," Mr. Ziegler said.

The U.S. Ambassador to the U.N., George Bush, later called on Council President Ismael Taylor-Karama of Sierra Leone to initiate considerations among the 15 members of the U.N. body charged with maintaining peace and security.

A U.N. spokesman said an official request for convening the Council had been received from the U.S. Mission. But with some delegates known to be out of town, it was thought unlikely a meeting could be arranged before last night, if then.

Informed sources said the President's initiative was believed inspired by the rapidly developing situation on the ground in East Pakistan and by the overwhelming vote in the General Assembly Tuesday night for a cease-fire and troop pull-backs on both sides.

The Assembly voted 104 to 11 for the cease-fire resolution after the Security Council had become stalemated the previous night after three days of exhaustive backstage consultations, stormy public meetings and two Soviet vetoes of cease-fire resolutions.

In diplomatic circles it was thought the Americans had been encouraged by the virtual isolation of Russia and her satellites in the Assembly vote to hope that the Security Council might now be able to act decisively. Decisions of the Assembly are merely advice, whereas the Council can back its resolutions with mandatory sanctions if necessary.



Columns of black smoke rise from burning oil refinery in Chittagong, East Pakistan, when it was blown up a week ago by saboteurs. This photo was taken by a seaman aboard the Norwegian freighter Amronto, which reached Singapore on Saturday. (AP radiophoto)

Indian paratroops clash with Pakistanis

Indian military spokesmen reported that Indian paratroopers dropped into the Dacca area clashed yesterday with Pakistani troops. Ground troops advancing on Dacca by road were within 35 kms. of the East Pakistan capital.

Radio Pakistan said, meanwhile, that 15 Indian warplanes were downed in East Pakistan, and an Indian gunboat sunk and another captured in the Ganges Delta. On the ground, the radio said, "our forces are gallantly fighting with grim determination in all areas against heavy odds."

On the political front, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, in an outdoor speech to a Congress Party audience that was placed in the hundred of thousands, made remarks critical of American ties with Pakistan.

"I have heard that some countries are now saying that they have certain treaty obligations with Pakistan to come to the help of that country," Mrs. Gandhi told her cheering followers in Hindi. "I have heard about it before," said Mrs. Gandhi. "If these treaties are to be used against throttling democracy, then the nations who sponsored these told a big lie before the world."

The Prime Minister's speech came shortly after she conferred for 90 minutes with Vassily Kuznetsov, Russia's first deputy foreign minister, who arrived in New Delhi yesterday at the head of a five-man delegation.

Government sources said the visit could be viewed in the context of provisions of the Indo-Soviet friendship and cooperation treaty calling for consultations between the two countries when one of them is threatened by a third. A spokesman for the Indian Foreign Office said the talks were being held "with a view towards strengthening peace, and returning peace and stability to the region."

Radio Pakistan gave little information of ground fighting in the western sector, but said the Pakistani Air Force attacked Indian air bases in Kashmir and troop concentrations further south, besides "giving close support to our ground forces."

The radio also said Prime Minister Nurul Amin conferred yesterday morning with President Yahya Khan in Rawalpindi. It was the second meeting in 24 hours. No details of their discussion were given.

The Indians said their paratroops were advancing on Dacca after having beaten off counterattacks during which they killed 23 Pakistani soldiers and took twelve prisoners.

In some of the most ferocious action of the war, 82 Pakistani dead were found around one abandoned outpost in the northwest of East Pakistan, the Indians said. Indian casualties were described as "moderate to heavy" in the engagement.

In the Comilla sector, east of Dacca, "Pakistani troops are coming out in hundreds from different positions and hideouts to surrender," said a spokesman.

But Pakistan continued to insist that "no Pakistani troops have surrendered anywhere."

Meanwhile, Ghulam Mohammad Sadiq, the chief minister of Kashmir, died of a heart attack yesterday as Indian and Pakistani troops were again fighting in his state. Sadiq, 59, died in a hospital in Chandigarh, the capital of neighbouring Punjab state, where he had been under treatment for the last three weeks for jaundice. He had ruled Kashmir since February 1964.

(Evacuation — page 2) (AP)

Greek freighter intercepted

BOMBAY (AP). — The Indian Navy's Western Command here reported yesterday it had intercepted the Greek freighter Athenian, carrying 10,000 tons of pig iron from Osaka to Karachi.

Registered in Famagusta, the freighter is being escorted to Bombay.

Pompidou, Nixon to the Azores

WASHINGTON. — President Nixon left Washington here yesterday for the Azores islands and talks with French President Georges Pompidou, the second in his series of consultations with allied leaders in advance of his 1972 visits to Peking and Moscow.

Mr. Pompidou arrived in the Azores last night, some five hours before Mr. Nixon was due to arrive there. Flying with U.S. Ambassador Arthur Watson on board the Concorde prototype supersonic 001 jet, Mr. Pompidou covered the 3,000 kms. from Paris to the Azores in 1¾ hours — less than half the time Mr. Nixon would take flying a conventional jet the slightly shorter distance from Washington.

Their talks today and tomorrow may have an important bearing on the balance of economic and political power between the U.S. and Europe, diplomatic sources from both sides said. (AP, UPI)

Last barrier cleared for way to Mart

BRUSSELS. — Britain, Ireland and Denmark yesterday completed negotiations to join the European Common Market. This left only Norway still haggling over entry terms.

"It has been about the best day we have done in the negotiations," Britain's chief negotiator Geoffrey Rippon said after a marathon 21-hour session which removed the last barrier to British, Irish and Danish membership.

Britain's third and final round of negotiations to join the prosperous six-nation trading community began in June, last year. Its two previous efforts to join the Market were vetoed in 1963 and 1967 by France.

In the final issue, Britain, Denmark and Ireland reached agreement on fishing rights, which had blocked a solution to the fisheries problem for the past five months.

But it seemed clear that Norway, the fourth Common Market candidate, which — as Europe's leading fishing nation — has the greatest interest at stake, will have to wait until next month to secure the special terms it is seeking.

Britain, Ireland and Denmark will sign a treaty in January, formalizing their membership of the Market effective from January 1, 1973, Mr. Rippon said.

The coastal areas where the three candidates will retain a 12-mile limit are, for Britain: the Orkney and Shetland islands, most of Scotland and the north-east coast of England, the Cornish coast and Country Cork; for Ireland, the coast north and west of Lough Foyle as far as Cork, and east of Dundal. Bay; for Denmark: Greenland, the Faroes, and the Danish coast west of Tyboron as far as Blavandshut. (UPI, Reuter)

Jordan Union c'tee meets

AMMAN (Reuter). — King Hussein, in his capacity as supreme head of the Jordanian National Union (JNU), yesterday presided over the first meeting of the Union's provisional higher executive committee.

The 36-member committee, formed on Friday, will hold another meeting tomorrow to continue its discussions.

Oman gives $2m.

AMMAN (Reuter). — Jordan has received $2m. as aid from the Sultanate of Oman, it was officially announced here yesterday.

Sarnoff, NBC head, dies

NEW YORK (AP). — David Sarnoff, an immigrant messenger boy who became founder of the National Broadcasting Co. and head of the giant RCA Corp., died yesterday at his home here after a long illness. He was 80. The network broke into "Meet the Press" with a bulletin announcing that Sarnoff had died after a long illness.

Sarnoff organized NBC in 1926 and headed RCA for more than three decades. When he retired as board chairman in January, 1970, the corporation had annual gross sales of more than $3,000m., employed 128,000 people, and ran 64 plants throughout the world.

Born in a small Russian village, Sarnoff came to this country as a boy in 1900. When his father died soon afterward, he went to work selling newspapers and as a delivery boy.

Israel chance seen 'fair' in Assembly

By YA'ACOV REUEL, Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

On the eve of the General Assembly's voting on a Middle East resolution today, officials in Jerusalem voiced the view that Israel's prospects of blunting the Egyptian diplomatic offensive were at least fair.

Israel's efforts in the Assembly were directed towards mustering maximum opposition to the 18-nation (Egyptian) draft in its present form, support for amendments which would seek the resumption of the Jarring mission without preconditions, as well as backing for proposals by Barbados and by Costa Rica and Uruguay which call for the unconditional revival of the Jarring negotiations.

Amendments to the Egyptian text were last reported to be readied by a number of delegations, including the U.S., which seek the deletion of sanctions and preconditions.

The Assembly's choice is expected to be reached by simple majority, since the friends of the Arabs have the votes to force a waiver of the two-thirds requirement for an "important matter." The final outcome should depend largely on how many of the delegations which accept Israel's argument that the attachment of preconditions would only assure the continued paralysis of the talks, would vote "no" rather than abstain.

As of now, sources here claimed, it was wholly incorrect to say that Israel was "isolated" in the General Assembly. The African memorandum had proved to be a damaging spoke in the wheels of Egyptian diplomacy, despite the partial success of the pressure on the Africans to turn their backs on their own ideas.

AFRICAN DISARRAY

The African bloc was in disarray, and split down the middle, as attested by Zaire's refusal to go along with Senegal, Nigeria and Cameroun in sponsoring the Egyptian draft. Israel's strenuous diplomatic activity in many of the world capitals, including Africa's, had "borne some fruit," sources said.

Among the major Israeli moves was a personal message from Prime Minister Golda Meir to Ivory Coast President Felix Houphouet-Boigny and his current guest in Abidjan, Senegal's President Leopold S. Senghor.

As chairman of the O.A.U.'s four-man fact-finding mission to Jerusalem and Cairo, Mr. Senghor had been instrumental in drafting the African memorandum. Mr. Houphouet-Boigny had been a member of the "ten wise men" group, which approved the proposals, but took no part in the work. He is reported to have assured the Israel envoy in the Ivory Coast that his country's delegation to the General Assembly would uphold the memorandum.

Meanwhile, Egypt asked that its replies to the African proposals be published as a General Assembly document, although the African memorandum itself remains, at Egypt's insistence, a "confidential" document.

EGYPT'S REPLY

In its reply, Egypt failed entirely to reply to one suggestion — that the terms of withdrawal from occupied territories be embodied in the peace agreements. The reason becomes clear from a perusal of the Egyptian replies to the other suggestions — Cairo repeatedly insists on the withdrawal of Israeli forces to the 1967 lines, and the acceptance of Dr. Jarring's February initiative. In its replies to three of the six African proposals, Egypt has inserted one of these two provisos — which were not mentioned by the Africans.

The Egyptian strategy, as seen here is to have the Assembly issue a call on Israel to give a "favourable" reply to Dr. Jarring's February 8 paper, which in effect interpreted Security Council resolution 242 as a mandate for Israeli withdrawal to the old international frontier; then, using Israel's fully expected rejection of the resolution as a pretext, to call an emergency session of the Security Council to reaffirm the Assembly decision and require Israeli compliance on pain of sanctions.

A Council text couched in such extreme terms would probably be vetoed by the U.S., but if it gained the support of at least two-thirds of the members, it could be considered by Egypt a stamp of international legitimacy for any military adventure to "liberate the lost territories." Observers here have noted that while Egyptian spokesmen in New York talk mostly of peace, the talk in Egypt itself is mainly of the impending war.

AFRO-ASIAN RECRUITS

One of Egypt's problems in the Assembly lies in the repudiation of resolution 242 by about half of the other Arab states — as was the case in last year's vote, these countries, some seven or eight of them, would not back a new resolution ostensibly based on the notion of eventual peace with Israel. The loss of Arab support could, however, be compensated by the addition of African and Asian recruits.

A report on the parliamentary situation in the Assembly was rendered to the Cabinet yesterday by the Director-General of the Foreign Ministry, Mr. Gideon Rafael. Acting Prime Minister Yigal Allon briefed his colleagues on Foreign Minister Abba Eban's discussions in New York with U.S. Ambassador George Bush, Secretary-General U Thant and his "special representative," Dr. Gunnar Jarring. Dr. Jarring himself is understood to have turned a deaf ear to suggestions that his mission could be revived without a specific Israeli approval of his February 8 demands.

Egypt memo insists on Jarring stand

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Egypt yesterday sent a memorandum to U.N. Secretary-General U Thant and member states emphasizing its insistence on the implementation of Security Council resolution 242 through the February document of envoy Dr. Gunnar Jarring.

The Egyptian memorandum is believed aimed at thwarting U.N. efforts to seek a compromise alternative to the African resolution which the General Assembly is scheduled to tackle today along with two other draft resolutions.

The memorandum is also thought to be a warning that Egypt will tolerate no further draft resolutions. Cairo is pressing the U.N. to wind up its Middle East debate within ten days.

It is believed Egypt decided to send the memo following a report dispatched from New York by Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad who has reportedly rallied majority support for a pro-Egyptian resolution to be presented by the African bloc. With the guarantee of U.N. support, Egypt is believed to be seeking to consolidate its position at the talks it is currently conducting with U.S. on the reopening of the Suez Canal.

SOVIET MACCABEES

…ERY festival is a time for remembrance. When the … candle was lit last night …ark the beginning of Ha…a, it recalled that the …ggle of the Maccabees was …merely against the might …reece in general, but against …Greek desire to have the … disappear as a national … If they would become …ks in all respects and cease …xist as Jews, the Greeks …d not have sought their …ical destruction, as a gene…n of Germans was to do 20 …ries later.

…is the more striking to con… that this Hanukka is … marked here today by …thing like 14,000 Soviet … who have arrived in Israel …g the current year, accord…o all reports. They are the …vors of something very … the Greek ordeal. … good measure of clas… Russian anti-Semitism is … joined to the desire — …ger in the past than it is — to see the Jews become … Russian and cease to be …e or recognizable to others, … the early days after the …ution. They were then seen … valuable part of the edu… population, particularly if … would conform.

…e Jews were not allowed to … as a community in the way … wished, scattered, and with … such degree of religious …national identification as the …idual might choose, but pro…d by the existence of a …munity organization which …d provide opportunities for …y, religious training and cul… expression for those who …ed it. The territorial experi… in Birobidjan failed because … Jews who sought national …y looked towards Jerusalem, … those who were content to …ews in Russia could see no …on for abandoning the rela… comforts of Moscow for the …ations of the north.

…wenty years ago, about the … we believed the Jews of …ia were lost to themselves … to their people as a whole, …w generation of Jews awoke …he realization that despite …et indoctrination their iden… as Russians was incomplete, … only in the eyes of other …ians, but in their own, for … discovered that they were …ly involved with the fate …srael in its early struggle …ndependence in 1948, and in …years that followed.

… first emigration to Israel …ared like an impossible …m to those who wished to … It may be that Israel was …aken in its own extreme …on concerning this emigra… caution lest it harm the …e it sought to help. Now, … 20 years, the impatience of Russian Jews has swept out … and every single family … has come here did so only …nowingly endangering its …hood and existence in the … of the application to go … rejected, and noted as a … mark against a citizen in …t held prisoner.

…ese are people who rejected …romise and faced great … — rather like their fore…rs, the Bilu immigrants of …ia in the later years of the …entury. Our thoughs should …t to the tens of thousands of …rs who have already burnt … bridges in Russia by ap…g to go, but have not yet …ved permission to do so.

…eir faith has been tremen…, and if it has not moved …tains, it has breached fron… It is not easy for Israel …he 'seventies to live up to … high expectations, but it …erhaps a good thing that …hould be reminded that we … out to be more than one … consumer society.

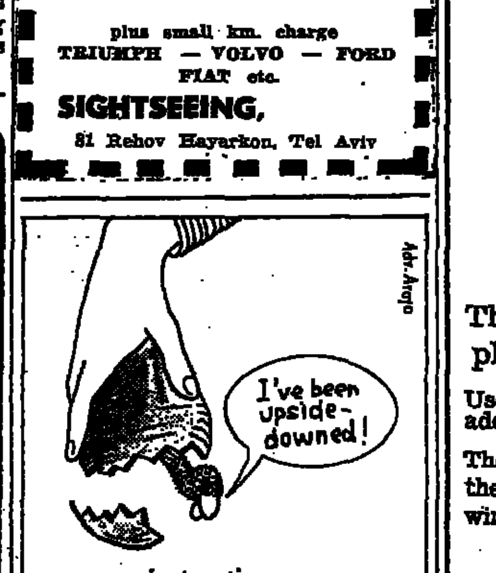
…LSTER SENATOR'S HOME BOMBED

…FAST (AP). — An explosion …ked the home of a Protestant …tor of Northern Ireland's Par…ent last night. Police said they …d Senator William Barnhill was …is house at Strabane, County …ne, when the blast erupted.

…itish troops immediately joined …tables tearing aside the rubble … search for the elderly senator. …lice said the Senator's wife was …n from the debris suffering … shock but her husband was …ght to be still buried.

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Social and Personal

The Swedish Ambassador, Mr. Sten A. Sundfeldt, yesterday afternoon held a reception at his residence in Herzliya Pituah for members of the cast of Habimah's current production of Strindberg's "Dream Play." Among those present were the Finnish Ambassador and Mrs. Algar von Heiroth.

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Mr. Dan Tolkowsky, Director of the Discount Bank's Investment Corporation, has been elected chairman of the managing committee of the Israeli Technion Society.

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The Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities announces a guest lecture by Mauricio Rocha-e-Silva, member of the Brazilian Academy of Sciences and Professor of Pharmacology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Sao Paulo, Ribeirao Preto, Brazil, on Receptors for Histamine to be given today, December 13, 1971, at 5.30 p.m. at the Academy, 43 Rehov Jabotinsky, Talbieh, Jerusalem.

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In place of the regular weekly meeting of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club, a special evening for members and their wives will be held at the Z.O.A. House on Thursday, at 8 p.m. The Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv, Rabbi Shlomo Goren, will speak on "Modern Man and Religion."

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BIRTH

SEGEV. — Ruth and Shlomo Segev (Sabbagh) are happy to announce the birth of their first daughter, granddaughter to Chava and Jacob Lichtshein and to Shulamit and Yitzhak Sabbagh of Jerusalem, on Sunday, December 12, 1971, at Hadassah Hospital, Jerusalem.

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MEMORIUM OBITUARY

The first anniversary of the death of Anna Riwkin-Brick, the photographer, was observed at her grave in the Holon Cemetery yesterday.

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OBITUARY

Mrs. Lisbeth Edelmann, nee Leve, Altona, Copenhagen, passed away on December 12, 1971, and is deeply mourned by her husband, Dr. Rafael Edelmann, son Moshe and daughter, Hanna.

Vietcong blast into U.S. base

SAIGON (UPI). — Vietcong commandos, hurling dynamite bombs, pierced the perimeter of a U.S. hilltop outpost overlooking South Vietnam's fourth largest city, military spokesmen said yesterday.

U.S. helicopter gunships rushed to help the embattled soldiers, and beat back the Communists after two hours of fighting inside the base, 16 kms. north of Qui Nhon and 400 kms. north-east of Saigon.

It was the first Communist ground attack against an American base since last August 25.

About 30 commandos broke through the barbed wire surrounding the post under cover of a 30-round mortar barrage, and poured in with rifles and machineguns blazing and hurling dynamite bombs. They killed or wounded 10 Americans and levelled four buildings and two guard towers inside the base, spokesmen said.

Communist ground forces killed one American and wounded another in fighting 264 kms. north-east of Saigon, the U.S. Command said.

In Cambodia, North Vietnamese gunners shot down another U.S. helicopter supporting South Vietnamese troops in their cross-border operation. One American was killed and two wounded in the crash of the CH6 craft. It was the third American helicopter downed in four days.

The Cambodian High Command yesterday revealed that 34 Cambodians had been killed and 119 wounded on Highway 6 in the 10 days since government troops withdrew from two key towns on the highway.

In Phnom Penh, only scattered harassing action was reported round the city throughout yesterday after Communist gunners lobbed six 122mm. rockets into the city's airport. The rockets caused no damage or casualties.

Meanwhile, North Vietnam accused the U.S. of trying to sabotage the three-year-old Paris peace talks. A commentator of the Government party's daily, "Nhan Dan," referred to the last session of the talks held on Thursday when U.S. chief delegate William Porter suddenly called off the next weekly session to give the North Vietnamese delegation time to obtain new instructions from Hanoi to break a deadlock at the meeting.

The commentator claimed the U.S. — not North Vietnam — is responsible for the deadlock because it has "deliberately tried to evade" a reply to a seven-point peace plan which the Vietcong proposed in July.



Ambulance man carries body of child in blanket to waiting ambulance, after bomb blasted crowded furniture store in Belfast on Saturday, killing four. (AP radiophoto)

Week's toll 27 in Ulster

BELFAST (UPI). — Uneasy quiet settled on Northern Ireland yesterday ending one of its bloodiest weeks in which shootings and bombings killed 27 persons and wounded more than 100 others.

British troops and police mounted special guard around Roman Catholic neighbourhoods fringing Belfast's Protestant Shankill Road area to block any attempt at vengeance for the bombing on Saturday of a furniture store crowded with Christmas shoppers. The blast killed four persons, two of them babies, and wounded 19 others.

The Provisional Wing of the Irish Republican Army disclaimed responsibility for the furniture store blast. Its spokesman said the I.R.A. always gave warning to innocent persons in premises about to be bombed, and often forced evacuation at gunpoint.

The week's killings brought to 162 the death toll this year. They included the assassination of three part-time soldiers of the mostly Protestant Ulster Defence Regiment.

Unrest in South Sudan, Amin reports

KAMPALA (Reuter). — President Idi Amin said yesterday he had ordered Uganda's army and air force to stand by following reports of fresh unrest in southern Sudan.

He told a mass rally at Yumbe in north-western Uganda that he had received reports that many Sudanese civilians were fleeing into Uganda. General Amin said he had directed the army and air force to stand by but not to interfere in Sudan's internal affairs.

All Uganda could do at the moment, General Amin went on, was "to receive the refugees as a humanitarian gesture and according to international practice if they seek shelter in Uganda."

He warned Ugandans living in areas bordering Sudan not to allow Sudanese refugees to use Uganda as a springboard for attacks across the border. Otherwise they might find themselves the victims of retaliatory attacks by Sudanese troops. "Uganda cannot afford the luxury of warfare at the expense of development," he said.

General Amin again spoke of his intention of reopening the Uganda-Sudan border, closed in May 1969 after alleged incursions into this country by Sudanese troops pursuing secessionist guerrillas.

The border would definitely be reopened "soon," he said. A Ugandan delegation is currently in Khartoum for talks on the proposed reopening, and a Sudanese delegation is expected soon to visit Kampala for further discussions.

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League to debate closure of Syrian border

AMMAN (AP). — The Arab League is scheduled to debate Syria's closure of its border and air space with Jordan in a meeting tomorrow, informed sources here said yesterday.

Jordanian Minister of Economy Omar Nabulsi left for Cairo yesterday to present his country's case against Syria. He said he will ask the organization to mediate in order to reopen the borders and air space between the two countries.

Syria sealed its borders and air space with Jordan three months ago in protest against King Hussein's crackdown on the terrorists.

Syria is Jordan's sole outlet to Turkish and Indian markets. The border closure has seriously affected Jordan's exports of phosphates and citrus fruits. Mr. Nabulsi added he will hold contacts in Cairo to expand trade between his country and Arab states. He said Jordan wants to participate in an Arab League plan to establish a joint Arab airline, to compete with Israel's civil aviation activities.

Four loads of evacuees flown out of Dacca

CALCUTTA (UPI). — Four planeloads of evacuees were flown out of the embattled East Pakistan capital of Dacca yesterday by British Royal Air Force C130 cargo planes.

The first touched down at Calcutta's Dum Dum Airport with about 100 women and children in midmorning. Another came about an hour later and the third some 20 minutes after the second.

One of the planes made the 70-minute round trip to Dacca again and arrived in Calcutta with more evacuees.

Armed Indian security guards kept the large group of foreign newsmen out of Calcutta's airport while BOAC personnel helped evacuees through customs and immigration procedures and then took them to an arrival hall.

Small children held their mothers' hands as they walked from the plane. Although they were obviously tired after more than a 24-hour wait at Dacca Airport for the planes, the evacuees appeared in good shape.

Despite the tight security, Indian officials treated the evacuees kindly and tried to make them comfortable in the sealed arrival hall.

Diplomatic officials said that in the four shuttle flights, 435 persons were evacuated from Dacca, leaving some 150 to 200 foreigners behind. No more flights could be made in the cease-fire time, which expired at 10.30 a.m. Israel time.

Carl Pfeiffer, an American who was working in East Pakistan, said the Pakistani forces were preparing for "a last-ditch stand." "The intention is to maintain positions in present fortifications and high buildings and do some street fighting," he said.

Pfeiffer said Indian planes bomb the city three or four times a day. "There's a definite shortage of food," he said. "The people are scared, but there's no panic. Many families have fled the city, taking their belongings with them," he said.

Crossman says Attlee, Bevin 'tried to destroy Jews'

LONDON (UPI). — Richard Crossman, editor of the "New Statesman" and a minister in the last Labour Party government, said last night he hated postwar Labour Prime Minister Clement Attlee and Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin because "they tried to destroy the Jews" in Palestine.

Interviewed on television by Robert Kee, Mr. Crossman said the hatred began when Bevin sent him to British mandate Palestine to serve on an Anglo-American commission of inquiry in 1947 and he sided with the Americans to turn in a pro-Jewish 7-5 majority report.

Mr. Crossman said Bevin "had sent me there after all to be anti-Jewish" and his stand led to "unpleasantness."

"I don't think I could ever think decently of Bevin and Attlee again. they are the only two men I really hate because they tried to destroy the Jews," he said.

"I told them that the Jews were going to win and they ought to back them, whereupon they backed the Arabs and they systematically... brought the Arabs into Palestine," Mr. Crossman said.

When the interviewer said Bevin was known for his hostility to the Jews in Palestine but Attlee was not, Mr. Crossman said "Attlee was worse."

He called Attlee a "cold, brutal, small man, determined to destroy those people (the Jews) because they were obstacles to him, and with all the self-righteousness of the high-minded, you know."

Sextuplet mum awaits triplets

ROME (UPI). — A Roman housewife who 16 months ago gave birth to sextuplets only to see them all die was back in the hospital yesterday, this time awaiting the birth of triplets.

Mrs. Antonio Petrone, 36, who made Italian medical history when she gave birth to the first recorded sextuplets in Italy, checked into the University obstetrics clinic where doctors expect to deliver her of three full-term healthy babies within a few days.

Doctors treated Mrs. Petrone with a Swedish-developed hormone drug called Human Pituitary Gonadotrophin (H.P.G.) to correct an ovary defect and cure 12 years of childless marriage for her and her husband, a furniture factory worker.

B.P. asks arbitration over Libya seizure

LONDON. — The British Petroleum Company (B.P.) announced yesterday that it is calling for arbitration in its dispute with the government of Libya over Libya's nationalization of the company's assets there.

The company said it sent a letter to the Libyan government Saturday describing the action as a serious breach of established principles of international law.

The announcement was the first public reaction by the big British company to the Tripoli government's declaration last Tuesday that it was nationalizing the company's assets in retaliation for Iran's occupation of three disputed Gulf islands.

Yesterday's announcement said the company, in which the British government has a substantial stake, had asked Libya to nominate a representative for arbitration purposes. The company's representative, it said, would be a leading international lawyer, Sir Humphrey Waldock.

Meanwhile, the Kuwait Parliament urged the government yesterday to break off diplomatic relations with Britain and Iran, Kuwait Radio reported.

The Parliament condemned Britain for allegedly sponsoring Iran's recent occupation of three Persian Gulf islands claimed by two Arab Trucial states. Parliament also recommended that Kuwait employ its oil wealth as a means for pressuring Britain into changing its "anti-Arab" policies, the radio added.

The British Ambassador in Iraq, Balfour Paul, and members of his Embassy staff, left Baghdad yesterday on their way home following Iraq's severance of relations with Britain, the official Iraqi News Agency reported. Iraq broke off relations with Britain and Iran over the Iranian landing on the three islands. (Reuter, AP)

Gaza situation desperate for terrorists, letter reveals

The admission by a terrorist leader of the desperate situation of terrorists in the Gaza Strip in the wake of pursuit by Israeli security forces has come to light with the discovery of a letter written by him shortly before his death.

The letter, written last September, was discovered during the investigation of the suicide of Ziad el-Husseini, head of the Palestine Liberation Front in the Gaza Strip, at the home of Gaza Mayor Rashad Shawa on November 21.

In the letter, el-Husseini asks the Mayor to help him leave the Gaza Strip because of the "enemy's success in uncovering some of our bases... and in view of the fact that we are now totally paralysed... we can no longer launch any operation on behalf of our beloved homeland ..."

The letter refers to the terrorist leader's commander abroad, his "Big Brother," Abu Ali, who "insists" that el-Husseini leave the Strip for abroad. He addressed the Mayor, "O dear uncle, I now await a sign from you in order to go abroad, and I leave the means and arrangements to you."

Several weeks later, Mayor Shawa informed the authorities that el-Husseini had committed suicide in the basement of his house.

Greeks elect advisory body

ATHENS (AP). — More than 10,000 Greeks went to the polls yesterday to choose a new consultative assembly that will advise the army-backed Greek regime on proposed legislation and national affairs.

The 61 polling centres located in city halls and public schools opened at sunup and closed at sunset. Exactly 10,670 persons, all members of professional bodies such as farmers cooperatives, hotel associations and journalist unions, were qualified to vote for the 906 candidates vying for 60 out of the 75 seats in the consultative assembly. Premier George Papadopoulos will personally choose the other 15 members.

Heart-transplant patient gets a proposal

CAPE TOWN (Reuter). — South Africa's longest-living heart transplant patient, Miss Dorothy Fisher, has received a marriage proposal from a Channel Islands man.

In an interview published in the Johannesburg Sunday "Express" yesterday, the 40-year-old coloured woman said Mr. Pat Berry of Guernsey wrote to her last month with the proposal.

Miss Fisher, who received her new heart in an operation performed by Professor Chris Barnard in April 1969, said: "I know nothing about this man, just his name. I don't know if he's white or black, old or young.

"But these things don't matter. If his bank balance is good I'll marry him," she said with a laugh.

Miss Fisher has written to Mr. Berry for more details about his proposal.

22 feared dead in Mich. blast

PORT HURON, Michigan (AP). — Rescue workers have recovered the bodies of 11 workers killed by an explosion in a water tunnel under construction 75 metres underground near Port Huron Saturday. Authorities said there may be 11 more dead in the tunnel.

The St. Clair county sheriff, Norman Meharg, told hospital officials the death toll might climb as high as 22. He said efforts to remove the bodies would continue without interruption.

At least 22 workers escaped. Eight of them were hospitalized in fair to serious condition.

The explosion, which occurred Saturday afternoon, apparently was caused by an accumulation of gas, according to George Remus, head of the Detroit Metropolitan Water Authority.

The nearly-completed tunnel extends eight kms. into Lake Huron and was designed to provide water for the Detroit metropolitan area.

East Germany claims its sovereignty recognized

BERLIN (AP). — East Germany claimed yesterday the Wall passage and Berlin access agreements it initialled on Saturday with West German negotiators constituted recognition of its sovereignty.

Editorials in the official Communist Party newspaper "Neues Deutschland" ignored that the two accords are to implement the four power Berlin agreement of September 3.

"Neues Deutschland" said the agreements, initialled in East and West Berlin constituting unparalleled official contact between the rival Germanies, were internationally binding between independent states.

The Bonn Government plans to initiate the long ratification procedure today with most observers expecting the process to take at least six months. It also is not certain the Government of Chancellor Willy Brandt will get the necessary majority in Parliament for ratification.

There were no signs, meanwhile, that the Western Big Three intended pushing the Russians to sign a final Berlin protocol since they have no direct interest in the Bonn-Moscow ratification process.

Theoretically a Berlin protocol could now be signed as soon as technical arrangements were completed, in a matter of days. For as long as this protocol is held up, for that long will the eased Berlin transit traffic and the passes for West Berliners into the east be held up.

Shukairy not returning to politics

CAIRO (Reuter). — Ahmed Shukairy, former chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, denied Beirut reports yesterday that he has returned to active politics for the Palestinian cause.

Mr. Shukairy, who spends most of his time at a Cairo suburban villa writing his memoirs, said: "I have told all Palestinians who approached me recently that I would not indulge any further in any form of political activity. My role is now that of a simple Palestinian citizen," he said.

He described as entirely without foundation a report in the Lebanese daily newspaper "Al-Nahar" that a group of 40 leading Palestinians met at his Cairo residence and called in a statement for efforts to correct the path of Palestinian action within the framework of the Palestinian Liberation Organization.

Alexandria collapse toll now 34 dead

ALEXANDRIA (Reuter). — Thirty-four people are now known to have died in the collapse of two apartment buildings here Saturday and rescue squads fear more victims are still buried under the debris.

Police sources said 100 people were rescued unhurt while 26 others were taken to hospital, some seriously injured.

The governor of Alexandria, Dr. Fuad Mohieddin, has ordered the payment of urgent financial aid to the families of the victims. He said there are about 7,000 houses in danger of collapse in Alexandria and at least £5m. are needed to demolish them and construct new buildings.

War insurance for Jordan

AMMAN (AP). — A compulsory wartime insurance system was introduced in Jordan yesterday, the government announced.

A $1.5m. state-owned insurance company was established, providing for compulsory insurance of real estate, automobiles, shops and goods, as well as optional life insurance, the announcement said.

The property insurance covers half a million privately owned houses on the East Bank of the Jordan, 40,000 motorcars and goods estimated at $15m., the announcement added.

Nixon will be asked to aid Soviet Jews

NEW YORK (Reuter). — Representative Gerald Ford, House Republican leader, said last night he will recommend to President Nixon that he bring up the issue of Soviet Jewry when he confers with Russia's leaders in Moscow in May.

"The Russians will be seeking various concessions and compromises from the U.S. The time would be ripe for President Nixon to very appropriately raise the issue of Soviet Jewry with the Soviet Government," he said.

Mr. Ford, of Michigan, made his remarks at a rally for Soviet Jewry in Madison Square Garden here.



Leeds United Terry Cooper and Chelsea's Peter Houseman No. 11, meet in mid-air during First Division match at Stamford Bridge on Saturday. Match ended in 0-0 draw. (AP radiophoto)

Croatian party chiefs quit after criticism

BELGRADE. — Three top Croatian Communists resigned yesterday, admitting they were too liberal toward nationalistic outbursts which President Tito said threatened Yugoslavia's unity.

Communist sources said purges of lower-level Communists in Croatia — one of Yugoslavia's six republics — will follow soon.

Tito charged the cream of the Croatian Communist leadership with tolerating nationalism in the province which contributed to a nationwide "crisis of ideas" and threatened Yugoslavia's unity.

The leaders argued with Tito, saying things were not as bad as he made out. But yesterday, at a Central Committee session of the Croatian Communist Party, Mrs. Savka Dabcevic-Kucar resigned as its President. Pero Pirker, the party's Secretary, also quit. Miko Tripalo, a Croatian member of the 15-strong executive bureau of the Yugoslav Communist Party, resigned in a letter to Tito, the session was told.

During the Committee session in Zagreb, the Croatian capital, university students rioted at their hostels, shouting support for Croatian party leaders. Students at three hostels shouted support for Mrs. Dabcevic-Kucar, and Mr. Tripalo. The students later withdrew of their own accord and there were no incidents involving police. (UPI, Reuter)

Second mistrial in Newton case

OAKLAND, California (UPI).—The jury hearing the third manslaughter trial of Black Panther leader Huey Newton announced on Saturday it could not reach a verdict and the judge declared a mistrial. It was the second mistrial in the case.

After three days of deliberation, Jury Forewoman Mrs. Doris Leonard told Alameda County Superior Court Judge Lyle Cook that it was impossible for the jury to reach a decision. The jury split 6-6 on whether Newton was guilty of voluntary manslaughter.

CHINA. — Major-General Khalid Hassan Abbas, Deputy President and Defence Minister of Sudan, left Khartoum yesterday at the head of a military and economic delegation on a two-week visit to China.

Albania charges Soviet aids Israel

VIENNA (AP). — Albania charged Saturday that "the Soviet revisionists are supplying Israel with soldiers." The claim of the official Albanian news agency Ata received here was based on reports that the Soviet Union has allowed an undisclosed number of Soviet Jews to emigrate to Israel.

"While pretending to be friends of the Arab people, the Soviet revisionists are knifing them in the back by opening the door for the emigration of Soviet Jews to Israel," Ata asserted.

The agency claimed the immigrants were filling a need in Israel "for specialists and soldiers in order to maintain and perpetuate all eternity the occupation of Arab territory."

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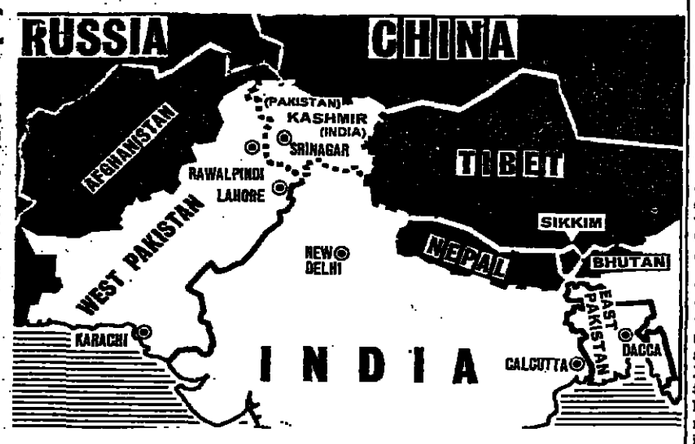
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INDIA'S 'TERMS' FOR A CEASE-FIRE

POST Correspondent Trevor Drieberg sums up the state of the India-Pakistan battle, and discusses the immediate military prospects.



By DENZIL PEIRIS

NEW DELHI (ANS). — India will the Security Council and the ..N. General Assembly that it is pared to observe a cease-fire if ps are taken simultaneously for a itical settlement in East Bengal. he political solution it has in d is, naturally, recognition of reality of Bangla Desh as a new e in the former East Pakistan. it will not categorically include demand in the terms on which will agree to a cease-fire. ndia thinks that most countries convinced that the Writ of Pa-an cannot be restored in East gal, and that acceptance of this the international community is a matter of time.

this compromise, India wants provide a face-saving formula Pakistan, as well as its backers. here are several reasons why In-should retreat slightly from its ier formulation on how the Ban-Desh crisis should be resolved. Indian Government is disturbed the Sino-U.S. combination on gla Desh, although it recognizes it is not an alliance but a porary congruence of interests. Soviet Union, India's only ally, rofoundly disturbed that 104 na-s — most of them from the d World — should have voted inst the Soviet-backed Indian tion on Bangla Desh. Soviet omats in New Delhi are wor-that in the first major issue re the U.N. since China's entry, smaller nations should have sed the same "yes" button as ng did. On the other hand, the small country to vote with ia was Bhutan — suspect as Indian satellite.

Russian concern

though the Soviet Union did India in the U.N., and its new ty alliance gave military teeth hat Pakistan might have other-thought was a "paper Indian r," the Kremlin has been dis-tly calling for Indian restraint. as complained that India acted and then consulted Russia. he visit to Moscow this week-of Mrs. Gandhi's foreign policy ner, Mr. D.P. Dhar, is linked Soviet perplexity. Ambiguous ese warnings also worry India. dia has also hurriedly sent se-l top men to the U.N. It is ous that a stronger resolution erse to India might be introduc-in the U.N. Assembly if the urity Council fails again. India ks at least 50 of the 132 U.N. s could be lined up in its fa-r. The strengthened India team lobby among the Asian nations.

Why India's forces have succeeded

NEW DELHI. — India has good reason for satisfaction at the achievements of its armed forces in the first eight days of its third war with Pakistan. The fall of Dacca, the last bastion of Pakistani resistance in the eastern sector, is not very far off, and on the western front the powerful Pakistani Army and Air Force are very much on the defensive.

The successes have been possible because the three defence wings have worked in close coordination, both in the east and west. The Indian Navy has established complete control of the Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea, thus interdicting the movement of shipping to and from Pakistan.

The Air Force has achieved complete mastery of the skies in the east, and in the west the few Pakistani sorties attempted have been mainly nuisance raids with neither strategic nor tactical significance.

The army's many pronged offensive in the East has compelled the Pakistani forces and their local para-military supporters to fall back on Dacca, where they are bottled up and must surrender or face annihilation.

Stiff resistance

The retreating Pakistani forces are resisting stiffly and disrupting the lines of communication. Although the military commanders in Dacca have apparently received orders from President Yahya Khan to fight a delaying action, they seem to be divided on what course is best to ensure their safety.

The appeal from the adviser to the Military Governor, Lieut. A.A. Niazi, to the U.N. Secretary-General for safe conduct for his troops points to this. The request was reportedly countermanded by General Yahya Khan himself.

The mopping-up operations in Bangla Desh are somewhat behind schedule. They should have been over by the week-end so that the Indian ground, sea and air forces there could be transferred speedily to the west. These reinforcements could strengthen the Indian defences in the Punjab sector and put more bite into the limited offensive in the Ladakh sector against Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.

The Pakistani troops in Bangla Desh have got word from Islamabad to hold on because a "big change" is coming soon. Does this mean that the awaited but delayed major strike in the west is coming at last or is it just a morale-boosting bluff?

Pakistan must either cut off and occupy the Kashmir Valley or move in force into the plains of Indian Punjab to gain a really strategic victory. It has still not committed its two armoured divisions to battle and three-fourths of its air force is operative. Gen Yahya Khan may be holding reserves for a final thrust in either or both these sectors.

Heavy losses

The Pakistani action in the Chamb Valley in Jammu has been contained, with heavy losses on both sides.

The Indian Army has occupied more than 3,000 square kilometres of Pakistani territory in its westward drive through Sind. Most of this is desert, and the Pakistanis have apparently rushed troops and armour from the Punjab sector to defend the fertile populous approaches to Karachi in the Lower Indus Valley.

The Indian Navy's warning to neutral shipping to get out of Karachi port by Sunday evening seems to presage a fresh sea and air strike to back the land thrust against the largest and economically most important city in West Pakistan. Karachi's fall would cripple Pakistan both strategically and psychologically. Coming on top of the loss of Bangla Desh, this would be a blow whose effect could not be counteracted by limited successes elsewhere.



Guarantees do not work: Meir

NEW YORK. — Israel will not go back to the pre-June 1967 borders, U.N. resolutions or not, Premier Golda Meir said here on Saturday night. She was addressing the 3,500 persons attending a banquet held at the New York Hilton as part of the annual conference of the United Jewish Appeal.

Mrs Meir discussed the question of U.N. guarantees, asking "Where did they ever work?" She added: "We will not put the fate of Israel and the people of Israel in the hands of anybody but ourselves."

She said that America was Israel's "biggest friend," but that did not mean that the U.S. Government "always applauds us" or would always understand. But basically "we knew and we know there is understanding. From time to time it is necessary to try to clear things up. In situations like ours it is sometimes dangerous not to try to clear up misunderstandings."

Talks with Nixon

Mrs. Meir said of her discussions with President Nixon and Secretary of State Rogers: "I believe there is a greater understanding now (of our position) than there was before."

Premier Meir told the gathering that from now on she would quote Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi to explain Israel's case. Mrs. Meir recalled that India's U.N. delegates had every so often taken Israel to task for crossing borders, even though this was in defence and to combat terrorist attacks. But the statements by Mrs. Gandhi and the Indian U.N. delegate on the Indo-Pakistan war sound quite different, Mrs. Meir pointed out.

Peace would come to the Middle East, Mrs. Meir suggested, "if the nations really spoke up and decided who really wants peace and who goes from war to war."

Stating that Israel would not go back to the pre-June 1967 borders, Mrs. Meir said that the Arab states — some born only yesterday — with vast territory and fantastic oil wealth, and many tens of millions of people, "do not yet recognize our right to live. When they acquiesce in our existence there will be peace."

Mrs. Meir said that Israel refused to accept U.N. guarantees. "We have accepted guarantees. We have signed truce agreements. Now people tell us to return to the June '67 lines — lines that were destroyed for no good reason whatsoever by Russian tanks in Egyptian hands. How many times shall we be expected to make that same journey — from Israel to Sharm e-Sheikh and back again?

"They tell us that if anything goes wrong, we can return again. But we've never been in Sharm e-Sheikh without a cost in young lives."

'Security needs'

Mrs. Meir expressed the hope that the U.S. Government would respond to Israel's needs by taking concrete steps vital to her security.

The Prime Minister urged countries friendly to Israel not to undercut Israel's bargaining position before she had had a chance to negotiate with the Arab states.

"We do not, have not and will not ask the friendliest of governments to send us their armies to defend us or to help in our defence... We're not asking that even our best friends should automatically adopt our stand. But our friends want us to negotiate and we want to negotiate...

"Give us the chance, an equal chance of negotiation. When Sadat wants to dictate what our borders should be, and we say we want secure and agreed borders, that we want to negotiate borders, we ask our friends, please, argue with us, try to convince us. Don't take a public position so that Sadat is reassured that the Soviet Union is with him, and the best friends that Israel has are also with him. Why should he compromise to the slightest degree? It's practically in his pocket." *(INA, Reuter)*

Jackson hopeful on Phantoms

WASHINGTON (INA). — The U.S. State Department's assessment of the Israeli-Arab balance of military power in the Middle East increases the possibility of renewed conflict, Senator Henry Jackson (D., Washington) charged in a speech made in Miami on Saturday night.

"The State Department's approach has been to wear thin the margin of Israel's security in a foolish and shortsighted effort to bring about interim measures that would be uncertain and unstable," he said at the Hebrew Academy annual awards dinner. "I am hopeful that the decision to resume the sale of Phantom aircraft, which is lodged in the White House, will be taken now, especially in view of the overwhelming support the Senate gave my amendment making available the credits necessary to do this."

'Vacillation'

The Jackson amendment was added by a vote of 80 to 14 in the Senate to the defence appropriation act which is at present in the hands of a Senate House Conference Committee.

Criticizing the Nixon Administration's policy as marked by "uncertainty and vacillation," Jackson said that "at a time when we should be speaking to the Soviets with the utmost clarity about the Middle East, our voices have been confused and contradictory.

"If there were no Middle East problem, the Soviets would invent one," he said. "The Soviets are determined to gain control over the oil supplies on which our Western European and Japanese allies are totally dependent."

Jackson, who is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for President, called for Russian withdrawal from Egypt as "an essential first step" in the achievement of a Middle East peace. "I believe that Israeli withdrawal to defensible borders should proceed parallel with Soviet withdrawal from Egypt."



Premier Golda Meir leaves a New York funeral home on Friday after paying her last respects to Dr. Ralph Bunche, the U.N. Under-Secretary-General, who died last week. (AP)



The President of the Republic of Bangla Desh, Nazir Ul Islam, left, surrounded by members of the acting Bangla Desh Government and local people during the first public meeting of the new Government in Jessore on Saturday. (AP radiophoto)

New hold-up in U.S. aid funds

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — Disputes over aid to Israel and to Pakistani refugees yesterday held up a final agreement on the continuing provision of funds needed to keep alive the U.S. foreign aid programme.

Senator Allen Ellender (Democrat, Los Angeles), Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, said he and some members of the House of Representatives were unable to settle on the language of a resolution to continue provision of aid funds because of the disagreements.

New meetings are planned for today and House leaders hope to get a vote later today on a resolution which will provide foreign aid spending on a temporary basis until March 15.

Funds for foreign aid ran out on December 8, when disputes arose in Congress over attaching an end-the-war-in-Vietnam amendment to a new economic assistance bill.

Senator Mike Mansfield, the majority leader whose end-the-war amendment held up the earlier aid bill, broke the aid impasse on Saturday when he agreed to a floor vote on the resolution to continue aid funds.

But Senator Ellender said yesterday that Saturday's agreement was only procedural, and did not iron out the Israeli and Pakistani issues. He is against including $500m. to finance the Israeli purchase of Phantom jet fighter-bombers.

Meanwhile, Senator Frank Church (Democrat, Idaho) told reporters he wanted any resolution to include funds for aiding refugees from the fighting in East Pakistan. Senator Ellender maintained that Congress had never approved authority for spending the proposed $250m. for refugee aid, and so it could not be included in a money bill.

Apart from any agreement reached today, the foreign aid continuing resolution was not expected to have smooth sailing on the Senate floor. The Senate rejected the initial foreign aid measure by a 41 to 29 vote.

Arabs not ready for war: Hussein

NEW YORK (Reuter). — King Hussein of Jordan says that the Arab states are not prepared for a war with Israel — and Jordan especially is not ready to be dragged into such a conflict. In an interview published in yesterday's "New York Times," King Hussein said, "The Arab side as such is not prepared for war...

"It is not my right to drag anyone else into war and no one else is going to drag us in. We are not prepared to make one single move unless we are convinced of the reason and logic of the action."

Marvine Howe, author of the "Times" article, described King Hussein as having "regained the smiling self-assurance he displayed before the assassination of his Premier and close friend, Wasfi e-Tel."

Howe said the King showed bitterness only once during the conversation, when he snapped, "We will not shake the hands of those who have spilled Wasfi's blood." He was answering a question about the prospects of reconciliation between his government and the Palestinian terrorist groups.

The King made no direct accusations, according to Howe, "but sources in his entourage believe Libya financed the assassination and that it was carried out with the silent consent of the Egyptians."

The article said the King made it clear that relations between Jordan and other Arab nations and the Palestinian Liberation Organization would depend to a large extent on the outcome of the Cairo trial of the four Palestinians accused of e-Tel's murder.

King Hussein expressed hope for a peaceful Middle East settlement and added, "We believe that force should only be used as a last resort," the "Times" said.

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Allocation of immigrant housing

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — May we put the following protest through your newspaper against the treatment meted out to the Indian immigrants at Lod Airport on October 21.

The Indian immigrants were protesting against the failure of the Absorption Ministry to give them flats at Lod, Ramle or Ashdod. Needless to say, there are hundreds of flats either ready or under construction at the above-mentioned places, which could have been offered to at least some of them who had genuine reasons, while a better "human" solution could have been found to the demands of the others rather than to publicly drag the women away with the assistance of the police.

The first two signatories were eye-witnesses to the incident when a middle-aged woman was dragged by two policemen, and would not hesitate to call it a brutal act unworthy of the police force.

It will be interesting if the Absorption Ministry gives us the figures of distribution of places, country-wise, among the 450 immigrants who arrived at Lod Airport on October 20. We justly feel that we are being neglected and our just demands are being overlooked. The officials concerned should come forward and prove the contrary.

JOHN PERRY, SHELLIM, JHIRAS, AARON SAMSON, GIBBON BENJAMIN, M. ABRAHAM, GERSHONE TALEGAVKAR

Lod, Ramle, November 1.

Absorption Ministry replies:

All immigrants are entitled to housing (flats wherever there are immigrant flats available, and financial help all over Israel) according to the criteria laid down by the Ministry of Absorption. These criteria are well known and are subject to review and control by the Knesset, the State Comptroller and the general public. The housing offered to immigrants is determined by a number of factors: availability of flats, availability of work in the immigrant's field near his intended place of residence, and compatibility of other housing considerations.

On the day in question, immigrants arrived from a number of countries, including the Soviet Union, Persia, India and France. A considerable percentage of these immigrants of all origins were placed in absorption centres, ulpanim and hostels. Permanent flats were allocated on that day to nine families from India in the following localities: two families (one of which consisted of nine people who received a double housing unit) went to Ramle where, according to your correspondents' complaint, no Indians received flats on that day; two families went to Kiryat Shmaryahu (near Haifa), one family of 11 people received two housing units in Kiryat Ata, and four families were settled in Beersheba.

Immigrants from Russia received permanent flats in the following localities: 12 families in Ashkelon, four in Kiryat Malachi, four in Jerusalem, two in Tirat Hacarmel, two in Kiryat Ata, three in Beersheba, one in Acre, one in Rishon Lezion and one in Ramle.

The fact that your correspondents see empty flats in Ramle, Lod or Ashdod does not mean they are available for immigrants. No immigrants from either India or Russia were sent on that particular day to Ashdod or to Lod because there simply was no housing available then in those localities. When immigrant flats become available again in Ashdod and Lod, we shall distribute them to immigrants from India as well as other countries.

If immigrants were removed from the airport by the police in the manner described by your correspondents, it is most regrettable. The Ministry of Absorption does it best to train its workers so that they know how to handle immigrants satisfactorily. However, it must be remembered that the airport is not the exclusive preserve of the Ministry of Absorption and other people work there whose activities may be hindered by a sit-down strike of immigrants.

There is absolutely no foundation to your correspondents' claim that immigrants suffer discrimination because of their country of origin. Unfortunately, immigrants from various countries do occasionally strike about housing, but it is only a small percentage of all immigrants who are involved in these strikes. And in all cases, immigrants are treated according to uniform and impartial criteria which apply to all immigrants, whatever country they come from.

ARNON MANTVER,
Assistant Spokesman

Protecting the olive trees

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — With reference to your report of November 25, "Olive trees cut up — dead and alive," we wish to make the following remarks.

1. In accordance with the law, the Minister of Agriculture authorized the Jewish National Fund to deal with all matters pertaining to the removal of protected trees. As a result, the Jewish National Fund grants permits to cut down trees and recommends the transplantation of protected trees.

2. There are cases where trees must be removed because of development plans. The only solution then is to transplant them, although not all trees can be successfully transplanted; for instance, when widening Herzog Street, it became necessary to remove three trees, which the Municipality transferred to another spot.

3. To our great regret, the Jewish National Fund does not usually inform us when it grants licences to cut down trees and therefore the Municipality cannot keep track of the matter. We repeatedly requested the Ministry of Agriculture to give us the authority granted the Jewish National Fund, but were turned down.

4. We would like to give the following explanations to your readers about the trees in the San Martin area: As soon as residents informed us that trees were being cut down, Mr. Nehemia Oz, Director of the Municipal Beautification Department, Mr. M. Darwich, Director of the Parks Department, and municipal inspectors went to the site; they were told that the Jewish National Fund had granted a permit to cut down all the sick and dead trees. To our regret, the Jewish National Fund did not mark the trees to be cut down and the contractor removed two trees which might have been saved with proper treatment. The investigation showed that all the other trees which were cut down were sick and their removal helped save the other olive trees.

5. The Municipality is delighted that the public is aware of this problem and is grateful to all citizens who inform us when trees are being removed anywhere in the city. However, as already pointed out, the Municipality has unfortunately no jurisdiction in the matter. Whoever cuts down a tree without a permit commits a criminal offence and is subject to police and court action. We try to act whenever possible to prevent removal of trees, and if a criminal offence has been committed, we inform the police.

We hope that by resorting to all legal means available against people who destroy trees without permits, others will be deterred from committing similar offences, and it will thus help us protect Jerusalem's trees.

YITZHAK GROSSMANN
Spokesman, Jerusalem Municipality

Jerusalem, November 25.

The Jewish National Fund spokesman says that the J.N.F. is no longer the agency responsible for protection of olive trees. Because of the tree's special importance in Israel, he said, responsibility for its protection was transferred two years ago to the Nature Reserves Authority and the Plant Protection Department in the Ministry of Agriculture. *(Ed., J.P.)*

Autopsies: the voice of Halacha

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Though the newspaper columns are not the proper place for a Halachic discussion, as one who aspires to be an observant Jew, I am impelled to initiate this one in accordance with the Talmudic maxim that "where *hillul hashem* is involved no deference is to be paid even to Rabbinic authority." In the emotion-charged controversy over autopsies — the voice of Halacha has been drowned. Your correspondent, Martin Gruenberger, wrote of "unlawful autopsies" and pathologists cutting up bodies. I quote from the summing-up by Rabbi Eliezer Berkovits, the disciple of the late Rabbi Weinberg, in his Halachic Clarification of the "Ruling Concerning Autopsies" in the journal "Sinai" (Jerusalem, Nissan-Iyyar 5731):

"In my opinion it is permitted to perform an autopsy for diagnostic purposes and to search for a cure for other patients. This decision may be based on the following two principles:

"1) The saving of life *(pikuah nefesh)* overrides all other considerations save incest, murder and idolatry.

"2) Anything carried out for the needs of the living cannot be regarded as disrespect of the dead *(bizayon hamet)* or mutilation of the dead *(nivul hamet)*. Neither does the prohibition of benefit *(issur hana'ah)* apply to the process of learning from such an autopsy. Naturally the operation should be performed with due reverence and for a vital purpose... there is no difference between the standing of relatives and any other person in this matter. What is forbidden to relatives is forbidden to others, and what is permitted to others is permitted to relatives."

Rabbi Berkovits bases himself on the Hazon Ish (the late Rabbi Avraham Yeshayahu Karelitz of Bnei Brak), who specifically ruled that for the purposes of an autopsy the other person who may benefit from it need not be actually present. It was sufficient that "the disease is a prevalent one constituting an ever-present danger to society." The Hazon Ish also ruled that post-mortem pathological studies could not be regarded as deriving forbidden benefit from a corpse. The same position was adopted by Chief Rabbis Uziel, Herzog and Frank of blessed memory and the present Anatomy Law is based on these Halachic principles. Rabbi Joseph B. Scioveitchick of Boston has also expressed the same view.

Those who accuse pathologists of hacking bodies to pieces for their own pleasure or of rifling them of valuable organs for dispatch to America, or otherwise grossly violating both the law of the country and elementary human decency, should submit their evidence to the police and bring formal charges instead of hiding behind anonymous letters and bullets or engaging in a war of words on the public hoardings.

I would like to add the following from a responsum of the late Rabbi Weinberg in his "Seridei Esh" Vol. II on the question of corneal transplants: "Since outstanding rabbinic authorities have already permitted them and since we do not need a majority of authorities where the saving of life is involved, therefore he who permits cannot go wrong." Thus, the numbers of rabbinic signatures do not count in such matters.

The real Halachic issue — and this is one uniting all decent people, pathologists, rabbis and the rest — is to ensure that the law as it stands is kept, but not, God forbid, to lower the standard of medicine and endanger human lives by placing obstacles in the way of autopsies so vitally necessary to grapple with the many diseases that constitute, in the words of the Hazon Ish, "an ever-present danger to society." How much more in keeping with the spirit and letter of the Tora would it be if rabbis would cooperate with doctors in educating the public to accept autopsies as part and parcel of the great work of healing — like the surgeon's knife.

Abuse could be prevented by having a rabbinic supervisor appointed to every pathological institute who would observe that all the conditions of the Anatomy Law were scrupulously adhered to and would report any violations to the authorities. His job would not be to obstruct autopsies but to see they were carried out with due reverence and the burial proprieties observed and to help the doctors in persuading relatives, where necessary, to accept their necessity. I understand that such a proposal was submitted by a group of Hadassah doctors to Chief Rabbi Unterman, who favoured it. It certainly merits further consideration.

ARYE NEWMAN

Jerusalem, December 3.

RASSCO AT WORK

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — According to your report, "Cheaper, faster pre-fab building going up at Lod" (November 22), our company participated in the tender for the Agrexco warehouse and was not successful. This is not true.

According to this same report, the successful contractor won the tender because he was able to promise completion of the warehouse in half the time and at one third to one half the cost. This would imply that our company — which did not compete at all in the tender — had submitted an offer twice as expensive, with much longer completion dates. This is most unfair to us, especially in view of the good name we have acquired with regard to quality, price and completion dates. In all these fields, we can compete successfully with any builder in Israel. *"RASSCO"*

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Tel Aviv, December 5.

Rich solo performance

MUSIC AT EIN KAREM: Uzi Wiesel, violoncello (Targ Music Centre, Ein Karem — December 6). J.S. Bach: Suites Nos. 1, 3 and 5, for Violoncello unaccompanied.



TO present an evening's programme alone, without the aid of other musicians or the contrasting contribution of other instruments, demands courage, stamina and personality. Uzi Wiesel is at his best when he concentrates on the works of J.S. Bach, and he did not let down his faithful followers who occupied the many seats at the Music Centre in Ein Karem; in spite of the very inclement weather the place was nearly full. Perhaps it was the weather which made the audience consist mostly of earnest young people who like their Bach undiluted, creating a family-like atmosphere in the intimate hall. People sat around enjoying listening to the music and the artist playing to them.

The music is contrasting enough to avoid monotony and so rich in ideas and their promulgation that there seemed nothing missing. Uzi Wiesel chose his tempi unhurriedly; even at his slowest the notes never lost their meaning. The keys of the three Suites, G major, C major and C minor respectively, create different moods and atmospheres in the works. Within the suites, the movements in their ever-changing tempi and character provided a world of sound, movement and textures, so rich in content that one was grateful, for once, not to be bothered with the limited sonorities of the piano too loud, too harsh, or too obtrusive) as background or in competition.

This was music in its essence, and nothing detracted from concentrating on the clear lines of Bach's writing, conveyed by Uzi Wiesel's musicianship. A relaxing and enriching evening.

YOHANAN BOEHM

At home in every style

Haifa Symphony Orchestra. George Singer, conductor, Soloist: Uzi Wiesel, cello. Leader: Avigdor Zamir (Haifa City Theatre Hall, Nov. 21). Haydn: Symphony in D major, No. 93; Schumann: Cello Concerto in A minor, Op. 129; A. Gelbrun: Four pieces for String Orchestra; Dvorak: Czech Suite in D major, Op. 39.

CONDUCTOR George Singer is at home in every style of music. In Haydn's Symphony, Singer moulded each theme: melodious, spirited and humorous ideas were most enjoyable, and the "comical" finish of the second movement was excellently outlined by the conductor.

Uzi Wiesel's presentation of the Schumann Concerto demands the spiritual strength of a mature artist, and Wiesel has a lot to offer in this direction: heart-warming tone, and the gift of effective delivery. It was a finely executed performance, the orchestra's accompaniment combining correct attack with the right degree of instrumental reasonance.

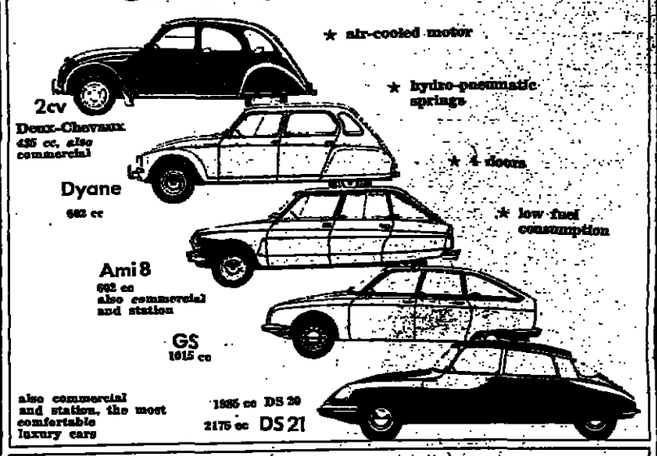
Arthur Gelbrun's "Four Pieces for String Orchestra" were originally written for unaccompanied cello. They are short movements: Fughetta, with a very quiet theme, the Toccatina, energetic with strongly accentuated rhythm, the tearful Lamento and the vivacious Perpetuum mobile. For so short and unambitious a piece, its musical content and texture are exemplary. Singer's fine musicianship was revealed again in Dvorak's enchanting Suite.

G. W.-B.

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Prosperity comes to East Berlin



from the West into East Berlin. (Nato photo)

In accord to ease the flow of traffic between East and West Berlin was improved over the week-end. Leslie Collit writes here of the big changes that have taken place in East Berlin and of the fine new city centre.

BERLIN (Ofns). — EN West Berliners cross through East Wall into East they will find a city enorly changed from the sorry tion of bullet-marked buildthey last remembered. In nce desolate heart of East any's capital a super-modern centre has arisen with ping plazas and soaring and glass towers rivalling of the West in their facemonumentality.

rush-hour on the wide Unden Linden and Karl Marx evards, drivers of Trabant Wartburg cars inch forward tain better starting positions the lights. Ten years ago motorized West Berlin visitors were regarded with envy by pavement-bound Easterners. Today a new East German class of car-owners flaunts its superiority over the footfolk.

Restaurants have sprung up all over the city that rival West Berlin's for quality of food and surpass them in service. Well-heeled professional people display themselves in elegant bars and wine restaurants. At late afternoon coffee, smartly-dressed women sit in the restaurant of the new Stadt Berlin Hotel on Alexanderplatz, downing pastries and whipped cream to the music of the featured organ.

Despite the new signs of indulgence, there is ample evidence in East Berlin of the Prussian work ethic that makes daily socialism so much more effective here than in Moscow. Less obvious are the human changes that have taken place in recent years.

West Berliners may discover after the first joyous reunion that their East Berlin relations have been more influenced by East Germany's brand of socialism than the Easterners will readily admit. East Berliners speak far more often than Westerners about activities in their factories and offices where they are asked to contribute more than their labour. For years they offered silent resistance at compulsory state trade union meetings. Now, they make suggestions, criticize within the prescribed limits and in doing so frequently gain the support of younger party officials.

One East Berliner, himself once an embittered opponent of the East German political order, has made his accommodation to it and extracted some benefits. A toolmaker three years ago, he was put forth by the local trades union branch as a candidate for university studies. "It's impossible to live in perpetual opposition to one's environment, particularly here," he notes. "A person is filled with hate and then he is a ruined man. Although I'm not in the party, I have been given the chance to study law at the age of 40."

Bonds with East

He and tens of thousands of ordinary East Germans, in and outside the party, have been entrusted with the future of East Germany. Many of them hope to work within the system to change it in small ways for the better. It will be difficult even for West Berliners to understand the motives.

Before the Wall, East Berliners literally lived with one foot in the West. Today, although they avidly follow West German television at home each evening, increasingly they find it relates less and less to their own problems. Perhaps the most significant result of this growing sense of shared East German experience is that many politically-aware East Germans feel closer bonds to the peoples of Eastern Europe than to their former countrymen in the West.

"This is the other unknown side of the coin in the party's unrelenting effort to drive out all traces of a common nationhood with West Germany," a young East Berlin language professor believes.

The result, he suggests, might well be a future generation of East Germans unburdened by ties with the West but which would adopt an increasingly nationalistic line to achieve a more central European and less Russian form of socialism.

Fight goes on for Zichron property

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The fight for the former Dora Schwarz Pension in Zichron Yaacov continues. The pension, long spurned by buyers, was sold two years ago for IL250,000 to a Christian group from South Germany, represented by Miss Emma Berger, for conversion into a pilgrims' hostel.

After pressure from Jewish religious groups, the local council contested the sale in the Haifa magistrates court by claiming to have been granted a sub-lease by the son of Dora Schwarz, but the claim was rejected by the court as unfounded. The local council has appealed against the verdict in the district court, and, at the same time, it is also trying another method of gaining possession of the property: it has passed an expropriation order on the grounds that the estate is required in the public interest for a community and youth centre. The district town-planning committee, under the signature of its chairman, district representative Dr. Naftali Etlati, has approved the plan and in *reshumot* (the official gazette) of December 2, published the formal expropriation scheme together with the legally mandatory invitation for objections to be submitted by interested persons within two months.

Miss Berger, as the formal owner and representative of the group of German Christians, has, through her counsel, Dr. Rudolf Gottschalk, filed a strong objection. She charges the local town-planning committee (which is identical with the local council) with acting in bad faith in its attempt to expropriate the property and to achieve by administrative means what it had failed to achieve through court action. The transparent aim, she alleges, is to deprive the German group of the property by all means, and she quotes from a statement to that effect by local council chairman Yaacov Levy in a newspaper interview.

After the recent court decision in her favour, the group had invested another IL50,000 in repairing the building (which had been unoccupied for over two years because of the litigation). She also recalls that in January 1970 the local council tried to gain entry into the property by force and the police were called in to thwart the attempt.

Miss Berger argues that the local planning committee had conceived and debated the expropriation design behind her back and had given her no hearing. The Haifa district town-planning committee approved the expropriation scheme in the absence of the representative of the legal advisor to the government on that body. Counsel Gottschalk sent copies of her objection to the district committee and to the government's legal adviser with a suggestion that he intervene in the matter "on public grounds."

27 moshavim to share Hula land

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Moshav Movement Secretariat has approved a motion that 12 moshavim in the Ma'aleh Hagalil region be entitled to a share in the development plans of the Hula Valley, in addition to the 15 villages originally interested in the project.

Some 7,700 dunams in the Hula are expected to be available for moshavim when the Government-sponsored Hula Authority ceases to exist.

The original group consisted of nine moshavim from Merom Hagalil and Upper Galilee and six other Galilee moshavim belonging to Hapoel Hamizrahi.

Ma'aleh Hagalil is in the eastern part of Galilee, near the Lebanese border, and is farther away from the Hula than the original group of moshavim.

Small claims court being considered

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The authorities are considering setting up a "small claims" court to deal with charges of profiteering involving sums of less than IL2,000, the Histadrut Consumers Authority was told here last week.

The Histadrut asked to be represented on the committee, headed by Justice Yoel Sussman, which is examining the possibility.

It has been suggested that these courts would sit in the afternoon as well as in the morning so that the litigants would not have to waste working hours. It is also suggested that no court fees be levied in such cases.



Haim Topol is kissed by his wife Galia at London's Dominion Theatre, where the British premiere of the film "Fiddler on the Roof" took place last week. Topol has since flown home to attend the premieres here. (AP radiophoto)

Premiere of 'Fiddler' film

By YA'ACOV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The film version of "Fiddler on the Roof" will have its premieres in the three large cities this week: tomorrow night in Jerusalem, under the patronage of Mrs. Golda Meir, if she is back in time from the U.S., on Wednesday night in Haifa, in the presence of Labour Minister Almogi, and on Thursday night in Tel Aviv, with Defence Minister Dayan as the guest of honour. The proceeds of the three benefit performances will be shared by the Weizmann Institute foundation and the Variety Club, the artists' child-welfare organization.

The leading man of the film, Haim Topol, the producers Norman Jewison (who also directed it) and the Mirisch brothers, and Arthur Krim, President of United Artists, the distributors, will attend the premieres. The film is now being shown in New York, London, Amsterdam, and Paris.

In this city, the film will be shown at the refurbished Pe'er Cinema where new chairs, a new screen and other improvements have been installed. "We invested almost IL200,000 in order to give the public better service and to attract it away from TV," Mr. Kalman Greidinger, director of the Armon, Pe'er and other cinemas here said yesterday. The chairs were modelled on those of the city theatre. He said that compared with a few years ago, cinema attendance had dropped by a national average of 40 per cent, mainly in the smaller towns. In the cities, the figure was only about 25 per cent and at an almost equal rate in Haifa and in Tel Aviv.

Soviet space-tracking ship for Med.

MOSCOW (Reuter). — A new Soviet space-tracking ship, described as the largest and most powerful scientific vessel in the world, will soon make her maiden voyage through the Mediterranean to Gibraltar and the Canary Islands.

The Soviet Communist Party newspaper "Pravda" said yesterday that the ship, named the Cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin, would leave the Black Sea port of Odessa in the next few days with a team of Soviet space scientists on board.

"Pravda" said the ship could match the capabilities of a satellite-tracking station on land and was equipped to keep in contact with its control centre on Soviet territory from anywhere at sea.

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Sharp exchanges with Friedman's attorney mark session

Lapidot chief questioned for second day

By HIRSH GOODMAN and DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Reporters

Thirteen hours in the Witkon Commission's witness box — a four-hour statement followed by nine hours of gruelling cross-examination — seemed to have little adverse affect on the constitution of Mr. Mordechai Chen, General Manager of Lapidot Oil Company. On the contrary; Mr. Chen — hesitant and faltering for much of the time — turned firm and spirited yesterday afternoon, and was giving Mr. Ya'acov Salomon as good as he got as the lawyer's harsh and searching interrogation drew to a close. Mr. Salomon is acting for Mr. Mordechai Friedman, managing director of Netivei Neft. It was Thursday morning when Mr. Chen began his long defence of Lapidot's record and his attack on Netivei Neft, Continental and Midbar. He finally left the box 20 minutes before the close of the hearing yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Chen was questioned intensively in the morning by Mr. Ervin Shimron, appearing for Dr. Dinstein, the Deputy Finance Minister, and in the afternoon by Mr. Salomon. Both lawyers tried to prove that Mr. Chen was in no position to have passed an opinion on how much Mr. Friedman's former oil firm — Continental — was worth, and attempted to show the commission that Mr. Chen was not capable of having been appointed to run the Netivei Neft oil fields at Abu Rodeis.

In his original complaint, filed in April this year and which led directly to the establishment of the commission, Dr. David Neev quoted Mr. Chen as saying that the equipment sold by Mr. Friedman to Midbar — a foreign prospecting company — was worth no more than $70,000. Mr. Friedman is reported to have received over nine times that amount. Dr. Neev, a Development Ministry geologist, also claimed that there was no reason to have established Netivei Neft in 1967 when Lapidot, a veteran Israeli oil company, was both able and ready to have taken over the Egyptian fields at Abu Rodeis.)

Perhaps the most interesting piece of evidence produced by Mr. Shimron in the courtroom yesterday was a letter written in September 1967 to the Minister of Finance, Mr. Pinhas Sapir, by the Canadian investor and financier, Mr. Bernard Bloomfield. He complained that he had heard from Mr. Friedman that Mr. Chen "was unwilling to have Mr. Friedman reappointed to the board of Lapidot."

"Mottie," the letter continued "is a highly capable young man, whose knowledge of oil can be of great benefit to Lapidot... I appeal to you to use your influence to ensure that he remains a member of the Lapidot board..."

Mr. Sapir's reply: "I shall see to it that he remains on the board..."

The letter obviously was brought to counter Mr. Chen's claim that Mr. Friedman had no business being on Lapidot's board, when at the same time — 1967 — he was the owner of Continental — a private drilling company which was in direct opposition to Lapidot. It was also Mr. Chen's opinion that Mr. Friedman should not be in a position to receive inside information, or take part in the decision-making process of his (Mr. Friedman's) competitor. The letter, in fact, was only useful to Mr. Shimron and Dr. Dinstein in that it introduced Mr. Sapir into the arena for the first time.

Mr. Shimron told the Commission that the letter was written by Mr. Bloomfield at a time when he was considering buying shares in Lapidot and when he had no share in the company at all.

Chen hedges

Commission Member Aluf Meir Zorea noticed that Mr. Sapir's reply was not signed. He was told by Mr. Shimron that the signed original was with Dr. Dinstein.

Mr. Shimron spent much time trying to prove to Mr. Chen that he was in no position to evaluate the equipment sold by Mr. Friedman to Midbar as he was unaware of exactly what equipment was sold. Mr. Chen hedged, and counsel had to repeat his questions over and over again — still not receiving clear answers.

Asked whether he knew what the value of the spare parts and crew which went with Mr. Friedman's machines were, Mr. Chen refused to say that he did not, but reiterated what he had said at least a dozen times: "For drilling two holes $700,000 is an exaggerated price to pay for equipment."

Mr. Chen referred repeatedly to Mr. Shimron as "my learned friend," and almost every answer was accompanied by "I can't be sure" or "I will have to look it up..." — all adding to the general feeling of impatience in the courtroom. So far the commission has heard seven witnesses testify a total of 1,100 pages of closely-typed protocol, recorded on more than 7,000 feet of tape.

Earlier in the morning, before Mr. Shimron began his cross-examination, Mr. Ram Caspi, appointed counsel for Dr. Neev, presented the commission with a series of financial accounts which, he claimed, proves that Mr. Friedman received money for work done by Continental at Gurim after the oil company had been sold to Midbar. Mr. Caspi noted that Continental was sold to Midbar on January 1, 1969, while he was in the possession of a receipt which acknowledged money received for work in February the same year — nearly two months after the company was handed over to Midbar.

Justice Witkon wanted to know "so what does this prove..."

Mr. Caspi said that he felt it proved that he should be granted permission to look into all Continental's accounts and financial records, a request which was refused by Justice Witkon, who reminded the lawyer that he was not "an investigator." He was appointed to represent Dr. Neev he told Mr. Caspi, and added that the Commission would draw its own conclusions from the various documents submitted.

Mr. Salomon then rose to cross-examine.

"What were you before you became the general manager of Lapidot in 1958?" he asked. "The director of a haulage company" said Mr. Chen.

Stare at each other

"So you knew absolutely nothing about oil," surmised Mr. Salomon.

Mr. Chen hesitated and then said — twice — that he had read several books on the subject. The animosity between the two men was obvious. Once, when Mr. Chen smiled in the direction of the block of Lapidot employees who filled the hall, he was told sharply by Mr. Salomon to "look at me."

"And you look at me," Mr. Chen retorted.

While the two men stared at each other in silence, Justice Witkon, raising his voice for the first time since the hearing began, reprimanded both witness and lawyer, warning them both "to behave." "I won't tolerate this type of behaviour here," he said.

Mr. Salomon tried to show that for Lapidot it was far more worth while to keep its rigs idle than to work them, and that all the "shouting" about Continental and Midbar was a "mere afterthought." He would not accept Mr. Chen's assurances that he held nothing against Mr. Friedman personally, nor would he believe that Mr. Chen's public criticism of Netivei Neft and Mr. Friedman were based on professional calculations.

Mr. Chen refused to admit that no oil had been found by his company since he took over Lapidot in 1958. He did admit later, however, that apart from Heletz and Kokav, Lapidot had no wells from which it was producing oil, and that both these sites had been found before his time. In his defence he claimed that many of the "almost-dry" wells sunk since 1958 had contained important geological data which were a "key to future prospectors."

He told the commission that Lapidot was receiving IL2,650 per rig per day from the Government for four Lapidot rigs which were standing idle — and that his company had more machines than needed. He insisted, however, that his company could operate more rigs if given the chance, since it possessed hundreds of spare parts, which could be combined to make extra drilling rigs, capable of reaching 2,500 metres in areas similar to those drilled by Continental for Lapidot. Lapidot would also accept any chance to utilize its rigs, he said.

Refreshed by lunch, Mr. Salomon waded in again with a pair of ostensibly damning documents. One was an internal Lapidot paper forecasting the company's drilling workload for the year April 1968 to April 1969 (the period when Mr. Chen claims his machines were idle and he should have been given the work which Continental took). The forecast was extremely healthy — the rigs would be working at capacity.

Salomon undaunted

But Mr. Chen would have none of it. "This was not a hard and fast forecast — it was a mere working paper to be discussed by the board of management."

Mr. Salomon was undaunted. He produced a report by three Development Ministry scientists — among them Dr. David Neev himself — dated February 1968, and saying clearly that Lapidot had 1,100 drilling days to look forward to in the coming year. There was a flurry of activity in the Neev-Caspi corner. (Dr. Neev sits behind his lawyer, Ram Caspi, at one side of the court, with Mr. Friedman behind Mr. Salomon at the other.) Mr. Caspi rose, glowering. "What about the final report? That was just an interim report, Mr. Salomon, as you well know. The final report, two months later, gave a completely contrary verdict."

Witkon: "But perhaps those who decided that Continental should have the work relied on this interim report showing that Lapidot was fully engaged?"

Caspi: "No, the deal was concluded later in the year."

The final report, which Mr. Salomon now produced, called for cut-backs in oil prospecting. "Is that not a condemnation of your company's record?" Mr. Salomon challenged. Mr. Chen countered that Lapidot had its own experts who thought otherwise, and it was left to Justice Witkon to cut short what threatened to be another long and sterile debate.

Mr. Salomon took up once more the vexed subject of the value of the rig which Continental sold to Midbar. Mr. Chen had put its price at $70,000. "But have you taken account of the spare parts?" asked Mr. Salomon. Chen began to repeat, for the umpteenth time, that he was not an expert valuer. The witness had an endearing trait, when hard-pressed to reply, of referring to himself as "Chen" — and continuing in the third person. He did so at this juncture before State Attorney Gavriel Bach came to his rescue. He reminded the commission of the evidence given by Midbar's buyer to the earlier Ben-Zeev inquiry. "We just divided the overall figure (of $700,000) to suit Motty's (Friedman) tax arrangements," the Midbar man had said. The figure of $110,000 for spare parts was apparently not intended as an accurate assessment.

Mr. Chen said earlier that he had asked a well-known U.S. oilman for an estimate of the equipment's worth, and the American had based his reply on an "auctioneer's opinion." "But an 'auctioneer' means in fact a scrap dealer," Mr. Salomon complained. "Evidently," said commission member Kalir wryly, "that is where they thought they should go for an estimate."

Next, Mr. Salomon contended that Mr. Chen's claim that Lapidot could have sold Midbar a better rig for a fraction of Friedman's price was "a complete fabrication.' You couldn't deliver one decent rig without cannibalizing from all your others," he accused.

Chen: "Chen has his own ideas. Chen could and would have delivered a sound rig in working order."

Final sting

Just when it seemed that Mr. Salomon was fading tamely away, he produced a nasty sting: why had Lapidot insured its Ideco 7-11 rig for $200,000 if Mr. Chen claimed that Continental's U-15 — a comparable model — was only worth $70,000? Mr. Chen made an unconvincing reply about rising prices and the value of a machine in running condition. Mr. Salomon sat down, having won this last round; but he could not fairly claim to have won the fight.

The only other witness yesterday, who gave 20 minutes of precise and succinct evidence before the hearing closed, was the ex-Accountant-General, Yoram Ravine. He stressed straight off that he did not oversee management at Netivei Neft ("and this inquiry is about management, is it not?"), but only finances. He had thus not acted in place of the Controller of State Companies in regard to Netivei Neft, as Mr. Friedman is seeking to claim.

Within the scope of finances, the Accountant-General had been satisfied with Netivei Neft. Balance sheets were forthcoming, and queries promptly dealt with. Pressed by the Attorney-General to say if there was anything "special" in the Treasury's handling of Netivei Neft's affairs vis-a-vis other State companies, Mr. Ravine conceded that a "special committee" had decided on the company's investments. Such a committee was unique in the Treasury, to the best of his knowedge; it comprised Dr. Dinstein, Netivei Neft directors, an official of the budgets department, and himself. Mr. Ravine also had the impression that the budgets department studied Netivei Neft's plans in less detail than those of other State companies when it decided to allocate funds for investment.

Georgescu leaves after 6-year tour

LOD AIRPORT. — Mr. Valeriu Georgescu, who has served as Rumania's Ambassador in Israel for the past six years, left for home yesterday after completing his tour of duty.

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Jordan commutes 4 death sentences

AMMAN (Reuter). — Death sentences against four men have been commuted to prison terms ranging from five to 15 years, it was officially announced here yesterday.

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The "Charlotte" part of the infant's name is that of Mr. Hoff's maternal great-aunt, who was also the grandmother of the President of Liberia, Mr. William Tolbert.

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4. Interested Contractors from member countries of the Bank for Reconstruction and Development and from Switzerland are invited to contact the Public Works Department of Israel not later than December 31, 1971 so that the Pre-qualification Documents and Pre-bidding Information may be transmitted to them and the Detailed Questionnaire Forms returned to this Department by January 31, 1972.
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'The paper work involved is still staggering'

Jewish exodus from Georgia

THE SMALL Jewish community of Kulashi in Soviet Georgia is fast becoming a ghost town. Its entire population has either left for Israel or is preparing to go, according to reports reaching Moscow. The London "Sunday Times" correspondent in Moscow, Edmund Stevens, reports that the people of Kulashi are only a tiny part of the great Jewish exodus from Russia.

MOSCOW. — KULASHI is typical of the kind of fever which is now sweeping the 50,000 Jews in Georgia. According to reliable estimates, they are leaving at an average rate of 120 families a month, the largest contingent in the current exodus of Soviet Jews.

Like many Georgians, the people of Kulashi were mainly engaged in private business thinly camouflaged as socialist enterprise. Kulashi traders were famed as capable of providing even the rarest imported items.

They are comparatively prosperous, though they lack the skills and education which would be valuable assets in Israel, and their motives for leaving this prosperity are obscure. Culturally and ethnically, Georgian Jews are hard to distinguish from other Georgians and there is no anti-Semitism in Georgia.

Less mystery is attached to the reasons behind Russia's second largest exodus, that from the Baltic republics of Latvia and Lithuania, where Jews number 26,000 and anti-Semitism is rife. According to eye-witnesses in Vilnius, Lithuania's capital, removal vans and crates line the pavements of the Jewish quarter.

Unlike their Georgian counterparts, the Baltic Jews are in the main well-educated and their presence in intellectual circles is out of all proportion to their number. Their departure is welcomed and even spurred on by nationalist-minded Latvians and Lithuanians, who resent their competition and are envious of their jobs and homes.

The third major source of emigration is the Ukraine, mainly from the cities of Odessa and Kiev. The Ukranian Jews got going late but appear to be gathering momentum, unlike Moscow's 50,000 Jews who, though they provide drive and leadership, lag behind in numbers. This is partly because *Moscow Jews feel more secure*, but also because, until recently, the authorities made things more difficult.

Since Brezhnev's visit to France and Kosygin's trip to Canada detailed rules on emigration procedure have been issued to local party branches, trade unions and government organizations — with instructions to refrain from harassment and to treat applicants courteously.

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THE paper work involved is still fairly staggering. The initial requirement is a formal *invitation to Israel*, preferably from a relative. Then the prospective emigrant makes out his written application and obtains a character reference from his employer or trade union.

These documents must then be submitted to the consular section of the Foreign Ministry, and the hopeful emigrant sits back to wait for action. If he is lucky and the application is approved, the emigrant takes his papers to the visa office, which is run by the state security committee (KGB) and not the Foreign Ministry.

There he pays two fees: 500 roubles (IL2,400) for renunciation of Soviet citizenship and 360 roubles (IL1,725) for his exit visa.

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The final hurdle is clearing customs. Each emigrant is limited to about £40 in foreign currency. Roubles may not be taken out, though the emigrant can convert extra cash into goods. Each emigrant *is entitled to take out* clothing, 10 lengths of cloth for suits or dresses, two furs, two raincoats and a litre of alcohol. Each family may have three rugs, one radio, tape recorder, refrigerator, sewing machine, vacuum cleaner, piano, accordion, motorcycle, outboard motor and — with special customs authorization — one car.

Valuables are limited to one engagement ring, one ring with a precious stone, one pair of earrings and not more than 400 grams of silver ornaments. A duty of 100 per cent is levied on all books published before 1945 and on all pictures. All antiques are on the forbidden list, along with firearms, industrial equipment, and lottery tickets.

Despite these difficulties and restrictions, planeloads of Jewish emigrants are leaving Moscow airport every day. And though no figures have been released it is believed about 35,000 applications are now in the pipeline. Jewish *sources forecast* that at the current rate another 100,000 of Russia's three million Jews will leave by the end of 1972.

Dialogue with German youth

ERIC LUCAS writes of a frank exchange during a meeting in West Germany.

small lecture room is crowded with students seated around are of tables. Half-drunk of Coca-Cola stand amongst lefcases and notepaper. Young al faces look at me as I come ether with the professor, well for his works on ancient y and archaeology. With my uit and tie (the professor in a jacket and the students mostly en-neck shirts) I feel a bit e. But how was I to know he lecture room, the professor e students in a southern Ger- University look like Tel Aviv rsity? I have been asked to guest lecture in a series of ernoon lectures on "The Crea- f the Modern Arab States and oblem of Israel." My German irst, halting, and I find myself ersing my sentences with s in English which are readily tood and now and then quietly and politely translated into German by one of the students.

Before my visit I was informed I would speak to about 20 students and some lecturers in history, political science and sociology. But somehow it got around that an Israeli would give one of the 12 lectures and the room is packed.

On my arrival at the University I am given a wad of stencilled reading material which every student is assumed to have read before the lecture, complete with a long bibliography containing George Antonius, "The Arab Awakening" (1938), Atiyah, "The Arabs" (1955), Ben-Gurion, "Rebirth and Destiny of Israel" (1959), "Documents on British Foreign Policy" (1918-1934). The bibliography contains many more books in English than in German and "the Royal Institute of International Affairs" has not been left out.

My lecture is listened to in silence. I speak, like the professor introducing me, sitting down. Question time!

The first student: "Would I mind if they spoke frankly?" I tell him I know what he means and that the word Jew is not an offensive or objectionable term for me. "All right then..." "Why did the Jews displace the Arabs from their Arab lands? ... With what international legal right?... Jewish colonization under the protection of imperialism... Even the Jews who came from Egypt to Canaan drove out the original population..." "You made a garden out of that land... but a thousand million dollars was sent by world Jewry to do it with..." When I explain a few details about the fabulous wealth of the oil-rich Arab states, the young speaker falls quiet, thinks for a moment and then... "do I not know the difference between the socialist Arab states and the one in league with American imperialism?" "...Of course, the war 1947/1948 was really a cleverly arranged power game between the Jews, Abdullah, Britain and America, and Ben-Gurion had fixed the border between Abdullah and himself, and then traded a few shots, just to keep up the game..." "True enough, the Jordan Valley was beautiful, he had been there himself but he also saw the other side of the valley from the East, from Jordan; how the poor Arab peasants just managed to pick a few olives, because Israeli jets had shot up their water supply and he saw with the trained eye of somebody who had done his military service, the armoured might of the Israeli 'Panzers' lurking on the other side..." "What about the Oriental Jews suppressed because the American Jews who came to settle in Israel wanted to keep their high standard of living...? "...Phrases from 'Mein Kampf' are recognizable in Zionist literature... and because of a clown with a funny moustache and his cronies Mussolini and Franco had started all this nationalistic nonsense..." "Time has come to finish once and for all with nationalism... and let the poor Arab peasants have their own freedom and their country, and not hem them in by their thousands in the Gaza Strip..." "We do not demand the return of the Sudetenland, nor the territories which we lost to Poland and Russia, why should you Israelis?..."

My lecture is scheduled from 6 to 8 but we finally finish after 9. "A mammoth debate" has taken place... a remark heard outside the lecture room. In fact, of the 50 students and lecturers, only about ten actually took part in the discussion. They spoke often, while the rest sat and listened in attentive silence but all of them heard, perhaps for the first time, of how Jews and Arabs live their daily life together in 1971; about the past — 1921, 1929, 1936, 1947 and that it was not a "football game 'fixed' in advance," where more than 6,000 Jews had died and the "Yishuv" just managed to stay alive.

By 9 o'clock, the audience has thinned out and the professor terminates the meeting; tables are rapped in polite applause... "Why cannot more be published in the world press about Israel?" the professor asks as we walk out.

Later I am told that the "New Left" at this University, like in others, is on the wane, that the stark nihilism is less pronounced. Yet many young Germans condemned Britain for expelling over 100 Russians... "It was really only done by Heath to sabotage Brandt's 'Ost-Politik'."

Stipend demands

Recently, a student committee demanded that their stipends be large enough to allow them to run their cars... "Let us get what we can from our capitalist society while the going is good." I am also told that, in fact, most students agreed with me, but that some were too shy to speak, that others, while agreeing with me, sat back and listened to the arguments of the few very vocal "New Leftists."

The few lecturers who sat and listened, apart from being pro-Israel, are not too worried about their students. They tell me that at the administrative meetings at the University, students sit together with the professors and lecturers, and free uninhibited discussions take place. Ten years ago, bottles of Coca-Cola on the tables would have been unthinkable.

The next day I bump into some of my student opponents, and I am greeted with great friendliness.

At a meeting with the lecturers, all in their early thirties, I find that they have a sense of humour, are profoundly pro-Israel. "They will be like us in a few years from now," say the lecturers. "The difference between us and the students you met is ten years..." We can only hope they are right.

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'PURITAN' HOLIDAY IN GADDAFI'S LIBYA

By CECIL EPRILE

LONDON (Fwf). — "WHAT were the belly dancers like?" my friends asked on my return from a four-day jaunt to Tripoli. I emitted the hollow laugh which is known to frequenters of the Middle East puritan belt. In the unpermissive Arab society presided over by Colonel Muammar Gaddafi — Prime Minister and Chairman of Libya's Revolutionary Command Council (RCC) — the very thought of belly dancers is wry.

In the Colonel's Libya the welcome visitor is free to do anything he likes — except drink alcohol (even in the privacy of his hotel room), enjoy local female company, dance or watch dancing, gamble, or come from or go to Israel.

The brochure —"Libya for sunshine holidays" — thoughtfully provided in English at the airport in London, offered vistas of nightlife and assured that it was all right to take one litre of spirits and wines into the country. But the people at the airport here advised me not to risk it as Libya is "dry" — they were right. The brochure turned out to be more than two years out of date. And the notes on Libya, sent to me in a Tripoli hotel by the country's Tourist Department, also turned out to be pre-revolutionary.

The notes gave the information that a room in a first class hotel cost a maximum of four Libyan pounds. My bill for four nights, however, which included four breakfasts, three dinners and two lunches, plus frequent glasses of soda water, came to over 53 Libyan pounds (more than IL650). Surely I didn't drink that amount of soda pop.

No more casino

I found that the casino at the Hotel Casino Uaddan and the night-club listed in the brochure had vanished. Waiters on the premises were wearily familiar with the requests for "1971 champagne" although they still played up to the witticism by serving bottles of Coca-Cola wrapped in napkins. Rumours rife in the capital at the time had it that prohibition might be lifted after Ramadhan (the annual Moslem fasting month) to attract the tourists: but which year's Ramadhan was not clear.

The military, socialist regime claims to have done away with crime and corruption. The visitor can walk along Tripoli's main and side streets by day or night in safety. Vice is almost startlingly absent. There are said to be no hippies (although I did catch one glimpse of long hair) and no drugs. Presumably the old men with the beatific expression in the disused courtyard by the seashore were smoking one of the non-toxic products of the country's revitalized agriculture.

The people seem to accept the new puritan regulations because they are so closely identified with religious fervour and *dynamic nationalism*. But if there is not much "fun" in



Gaddafi

Tripoli there is still some potential for it, particularly amongst the youth — if the young, almost all-male audience at the cinema is anything to go by. During the screening of "The Summer of '42" (English dialogue, Arabic, French subtitles) they worked themselves into a frenzy of delighted anticipation the closer boy got to girl.

The cinema is Libya's great escapism. But, as the top man in the tourist industry, Saleh F. Azzabi, pointed out to me, what Libya has to offer tourists is not the crowded nightlife of the world's big cities but a holiday away from tensions, rush, overcrowding and artificiality.

Libya has over 1,000 miles of fine beaches, 90 per cent of them ideal for swimming. It has sunshine all the year round, an equable climate, the romantic desert complete with oases, and some truly magnificent Roman ruins. Mr. Azzabi conceded that tourism had a long way to go in Libya, but he said: "We are not in a hurry. We are taking it slowly. We are not going to repeat the mistakes some other countries have made." "You mean Tunisia," I asked. "I cannot mention names," he said. Package tours and a chain of motels for economy tourism are planned. When I told him what I was paying at the hotel, he assured me prices would come down. Taxis are to be fitted with meters. At present almost any journey in town costs one Libyan pound.

There is Arab courtesy at its best in Tripoli. Drivers will stop in heavy traffic to wave the visitor across the street, although they hoot at one another. As a visiting journalist I experienced only kindliness at most levels although communication was sometimes difficult.

From one minister I tried to obtain certain basic information which he promised to send over to my hotel along with his photograph and curriculum vitae. He sent me his picture and his personal background in Arabic. Another department promised to let me know the gross national product, *per capita* income, numbers of cars, population figures and things like that so that I could give a factual report on Libya. By the time I left the information was not available. But I was there for only four days. I am sure if I had stayed four weeks I would have got it.

Kenya to deport wild-life crooks

NAIROBI (Reuter). — Kenyan, President, Jomo Kenyatta, said here yesterday that his Government would not hesitate to deport foreign residents found engaged in wild-life rackets.

In a message to the nation on the eighth anniversary of Kenya's independence, he said the tourist industry had a vital role to play.

Tourism in Kenya is principally based on the country's wild-life. About half a million tourists are expected to visit Kenya this year, compared to 343,500 last year.

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"Many of those engaged in wild-life rackets are non-citizens, and my Government will not hesitate in future to include deportation among the measures taken against them," President Kenyatta said.

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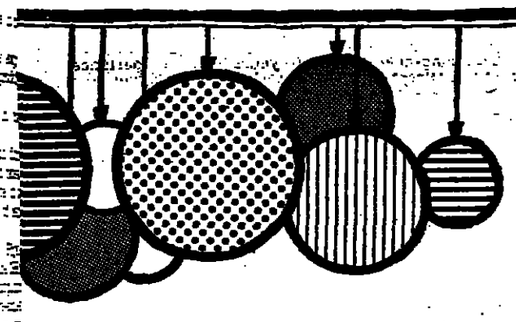
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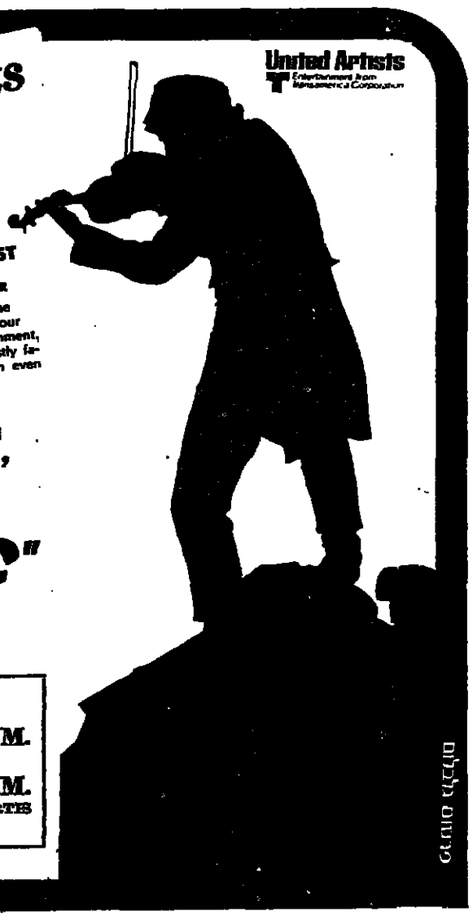
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U.N. Mid-East resolution

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Hatzofe (National Religious) writes that a grave anti-Israel resolution, leaving no possibility for resumption of negotiations, may hasten a military escalation on the Suez Canal front. "Despite her interest in peace talks as a possibility for a political solution, Israel's security dictates rejection *a priori* of any withdrawal resolution."

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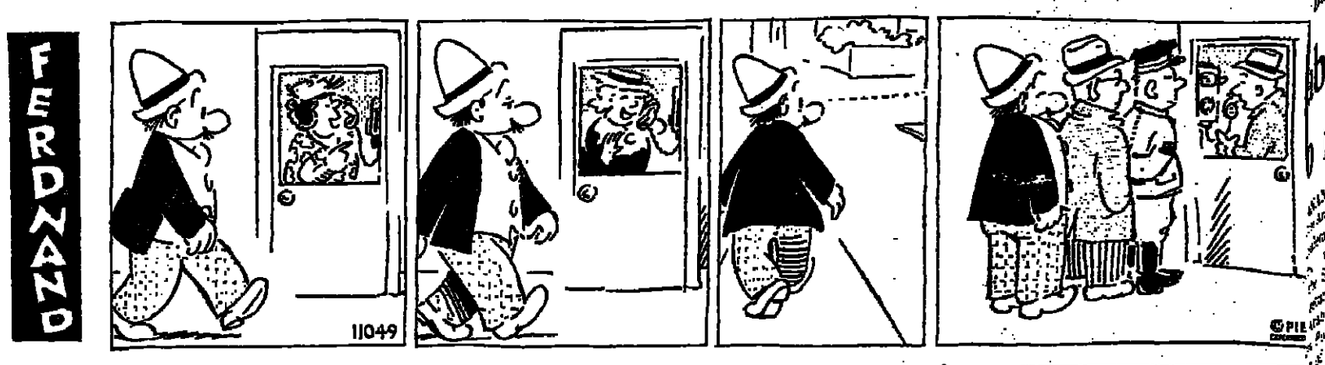
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CINEMAS

JERUSALEM
(4.00 — 7.00 — 9.00)
ARNON: Half and Half; **CHEN:** Christmas Tree; **EDEN:** Le gendarme en balade; **EDISON:** The Savages; **HABIRAH:** The Last Run; **JERUSALEM:** Fishke in the Reserves; **ORION:** The Horsemen; **ORNA:** Little Murders; **RON:** Katz and Carasso; **SEMADAR:** Getting Straight.

TEL AVIV
(4.30 — 7.15 — 9.30)
ALLENBY: The Red Tent; **ARMON DAVID:** Boulevard du Rhum; **BEN YEHUDA:** Tristana; **CHEN:** Swiss Family Robinson; **CINERAMA:** Companeros; **GAT:** Joe; **EDEN:** Paras. 4, 7, 9; **ESTHER:** They Call Me Trinity; **GORDON:** Mourir d'aimer; **HOD:** Kats and Carasso; **MAXIM:** Little Big Man, 7.15, 9.30; **MOGRABI:** The Love Machine; **OPHIR:** For a Few Dollars More; **ORION:** The Challe Social Club; **PARIS:** Tom & Jerry; **PEER:** Le souffle au coeur, 7.15, 9.30; **RAMAT AVIV:** Max et les ferrailleurs, 7.15, 9.30; **SHDEROTH:** Purple Moon (Plein soleil); **STUDIO:** Half and Half; **TCHELET:** Oh! What a Lovely War; **TEL AVIV:** The Marriage of a Young Stockbroker, 7.15, 9.30; **ZAFON:** The Dirty Dozen; **ZAMIR:** The Five Man Army, 5.30, 7.30, 9.30.

PETAH TIKVA
SHALOM: Half and Half, 5.30, 7, 9.15.

RAMAT GAN
(7.15 — 9.30)
ARMON: The Horsemen; **HADAR:** Katz and Carasso; **ORDEA:** A Town Called Bastard, 4, 7.30, 9.30; **OASIS:** Shot Out; **RAMA:** The Music Lovers, 9.30; Cinderella, 4, 7; **RAMAT GAN:** McCabe & Mrs. Miller.

HAIFA
(4.00 — 6.45 — 9.00)
AMPHITHEATRE: The Light at the Edge of the World; **ARMON:** The Beatniks; **ATZMON:** Katz and Carasso; **BEIT ROTHSCHILD:** Le journal d'une femme de chambre, 6.45, 9; **CHEN:** The Horsemen; **MAY:** A New Leaf; **MIRON:** Tarzan's Secret Treasure; **MOBIAH:** The Baby Maker, 6.45, 9; **ORAH:** Half and Half; **ORION:** Corbare; **ORLY:** The Pursuit of Happiness; **PEER:** Lost in the Desert; **RON:** Joe; **SHAVIT:** My Son, My Lover.

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME
258, 349.5 and 221 M.
News: 12.00, 2.00, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 6.00, 7.00, 8.00, 10.00, 11.00 and 12.00 p.m.
SECOND PROGRAMME
457 and 423 M.
News: 6.05, 7.00, 8.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, and 12.00 a.m.; 1.00, 2.00, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 6.00, 9.03, 10.20 and 12.15 p.m. 1.00 a.m.
FIRST PROGRAMME
11.13 a.m. Opening. 11.16 Programme for Schools. 11.36 Song and Melody. 12.15 Programmes for Schools. 12.35 *Close Down.*
1.58 p.m. Opening. 2.10 Mother and Child. 3.05 "Orchestras and their Conductors" — The Israel Chamber Ensemble conducted by Gary Bertini — Mordechai Seter: Jephta's Daughter": Hindemith: Chamber Music No. 1: Mordechai Seter: Children Songs for Female Voices and Chamber Orchestra (Soloist: Sylvia Shamay — Narr. Ogenia Simhoni). 4.04 "The Story behind the Music": — The meaning of Paraphrase — a programme produced by Paul Landau. 4.40 Lesson in Arabic. 4.55 Book Review. 5.04 Announcements. 5.05 Music to relax by — Ravel: "Alborada del grazioso": Mussorgsky-Stokowski: "Pictures at an Exhibition": Liszt: Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2; Conductor: Leopold Stokowski. 5.55 Announcements. 6.05 Kindling of Lights. 6.15 "Through the Window" —The Religious Units before the establishment of the State. 6.55 For the Farmer — Daily News Service. 7.05 "This Day" — People and Events in the News. 7.30 "A Bit of Music." 7.50 Bible Birthday (repeat). 8.40 Kalman Fisch — Announcements. 8.10 Ben-Gurion's 85th Reading: Melachim II, chaps. 3 &4. 8.09 Announcements. 8.40 Kalman Fisch — Tenor: Avraham Perlmutter — Guitar — Dowland: Two Songs; Britten: Songs from the Chinese, op. 58 translated by Arthur Walley. 10.05 "Tunes of a Place and a Guest for a While" — "Israel in the Thirtieth" — a programme produced by David Chen with the participation of Dr. Batya Bayer. 12.05 Close Down.
SECOND PROGRAMME
6.00 a.m. Religious Service. 6.10 Exercises. 6.20 Musical Clock. 6.55 Programme Announcements. 6.58 A Moment of Hebrew. 7.05 Press Review. 7.15 Hebrew Songs. 7.55 "Green Light." 8.10 "Good Morning." 8.55 "From A to Z." 9.05 "Good Morning" (cont.). 9.49 The Small Ad Corner. 10.05 Housewife's Corner. 12.07 Programme for the Worker and the Employer. 12.30 "At Midday" — News and Music. 2.03 Press Review. 2.10 Where to Go. 2.35 This is Rivka Michaeli. 3.53 "Encore" — ed. by S. Rosen. 4.07 Hit Parade for Old Songs. 4.30 Quiz by S. Rosen. 4.35 Hit Parade (cont.). 6.40 Sport. 6.49 The Small Ad Corner. 6.59 Close Down.
9.05 p.m. The Oriental Song Festival 10.25 Light Music. 10.40 Oriental Song Festival (cont.). 12.20 Light Music. 1.05 a.m. Close Down.
IMMIGRANTS' HOUR
7.00 p.m. News in Easy Hebrew: The Wandering Microphone: Hebrew for Advanced Pupils. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Ladino. 8.15 Mograbi. 8.30 Rumanian. 8.45 Russian. 9.00 Close Down.
FOURTH PROGRAMME
407, 443 and 292 M.
News in English: 7.00 a.m., 1.30 and 8.30 p.m. News in French: 7.15 a.m., 2.00 and 8.45 p.m.

ISRAEL TELEVISION SERVICE
Instructional: 4.00 Biology 10. 4.27 Interview with Prof. A. Halperin. 4.38 Film: 4.52 English 5. 5.08 Chess for Beginners Lesson 8.
Arabic Programme: 6.00 Sport. 6.25 Songs from Arabic films. 6.57 Programme Announcements. 7.00 News and daily events.
Hebrew Programme: 5.30 p.m. Dr. Doolittle. 5.51 Hanukkiot at the Israel Museum. 7.30 Kindling Lights. 7.35 Youth Magazine. 8.30 Mabat. 8.30 Poetry reading. 8.50 Moked. 9.20 The Saint: The King of Diamonds. 10.10 News.

Arabic Programme: 5.33-7.00 a.m., 9.00 a.m., 10.53 a.m.-1.30 p.m., 2.30-5.00 p.m.; 9.00 p.m.-12.15 a.m.
ENGLISH PROGRAMMES
407, 292, 443, 42 M.
(737, 1025, 677, 7189 kHs)
7.00 a.m. News and Israel Press view. 1.30 p.m. Jerusalem Calling — News and Sound Pictures of Life in Israel. 8.30 Newsdesk. — News Newsreel.
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ARMY PROGRAMME
216, 235 and 235 M.
11.00 a.m. Request Programme. 12.00 From the British Hit Parade. 12.15 Noontime Guest. 12.00 News. 12.05 Requests (cont.). 12.10 "On a Small Flame." 13.15 Requests (cont.). 13.55 A Moment's Query. 12.35 Requests (cont.). 1.00 News. 1.05 Hebrew Songs request programme. 1.30 "How to along in Arabic." 1.35 Requests (cont.). 1.55 Announcements for Soldiers. 2.00 News. 2.05 Personal Announcements. 2.30 Close Down.
2.57 p.m. Opening Announcements. 3.00 News. 3.05 "Please Call" — with Shmuel Shai. 4.00 News. 4.05 "Please Call" (cont.). 4.50 Stories of the 19th Century. 5.00 News. 5.05 Kindling of Lights. 5.10 Requests. 5.40 Zahal Soldier's Diary. 6.00 News. 6.05 Tonight — Studio No. 2 — with Daniel Bloch. 7.00 News. 7.05 Foreign Hit Parade. 8.00 News. 8.05 Hit Parade (cont.). 9.00 News. 9.05 Israeli Jerusalem Songs. 10.00 News. 10.05 The 25th Hour — discussion on medicine. 11.00 News. 11.05 The 25th Hour (cont.). 12.00 News. 12.05 The 25th Hour (cont.).
VOICE OF AMERICA
288 M. (Medium Wave)
5.00 a.m. The Breakfast Show (News, Music, Topical Reports and Features) 9.00 News and Topical Reports. 9.15 Special English Feature.
4.00 News in Special English. 4.15 Special English Feature. 4.30 This World Sound. 5.00 Report to South Asia. 5.15 News in Special English. 6.15 Special English Feature. 11.00 Report to the Middle East, Africa and Europe. 12.00 News in Special English. 12.15 Special English Feature. 12.30 Music U.S.A. (Popular). 1.15 Music U.S.A. (Jazz). 2.00 Close Down.

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West Bank prepares for Sadat's 'deadline'

Arab lawyers in areas to return to work

By ANAN SAFADI
Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

East Jerusalem and West Bank Arab lawyers, who have been on strike since the Six Day War, have decided to return to work next month, and Arab legal source told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

The number of lawyers on strike totals about 40, forming two-thirds of the legal personnel in the area. The other 20 lawyers went back to their work during the past three years.

The local Arab lawyers now plan to form their own bar association which would be independent of Amman's — to which they felt themselves affiliated, at least morally. The lawyers further plan to negotiate with the Israeli authorities on the reorganization of Arab courts, the source said.

RESERVATION

The return of Arab legal personnel to regular practice is expected to spark off a chain of developments on the West Bank, although some circles still express doubts over the resumption of full-scale official activities.

The significance of the lawyers' decision to go back to work at present lies in its timing, since they have decided to delay this step till after the end of the year — the date set by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat as the decisive deadline for the Middle East crisis. The lawyers' move probably indicates, in the first place, that following Sadat's "deadline," the local population will no longer depend on outside factors but begin to handle their own affairs locally.

Meanwhile, the Egyptian President's threats concerning the end-of-the-year deadline are being taken seriously on the West Bank. Concern is moderated by two factors: first, Jordan's indication that the eastern front will not be involved in hostilities again under Sadat's pressure; and, second, Israeli moves reassuring normalization, including the latest authorization of new municipal elections on the West Bank.

THINKING DIVIDED

The intellectuals on the West Bank appear to be wondering what Sadat's threats will really amount to. This part of the population is obviously divided in its assessment of Sadat's next moves. Some express the opinion that he is likely to resume fighting before the end of the month, while others believe that he will use any political development to extend his Middle East deadline some more.

The man in the street, on the other hand, seems to be taking no chances. While stressing that "only God knows what will happen," the bulk of this category recently started stocking up on foodstuffs, including flour, sugar and rice.

A large part of the population is buying Jordanian currency, which has not been much in use in the past few months on the West Bank. "If hostilities were resumed (God forbid), the Israelis would not easily let us cross the Green Line into Israel, and we will have to deal only with the local market," one merchant explained.

Gazans held in security sweep

Jerusalem Post Reporter

GAZA. — Several dozen men suspected of belonging to terrorist organizations were rounded up by security forces at Beit Hanoun near here yesterday. After the discovery of a bunker at a nearby citrus grove, security forces engaged in a wide search which ultimately led to the arrest of the suspects.

Last Wednesday and Thursday, five suspected terrorists were detained in the Shati camp here. One of the five is suspected of complicity in five cases of sabotage and two murders.

Woman charged with aiding terrorist son

HAIFA. — A 63-year-old woman from Majdal Krum and her 40-year-old daughter are being held on suspicion of giving food and shelter to a terrorist — the elder woman's son.

Chief Assistant District Attorney E. Ravid told the District Court here Sunday that, one night last August, Mrs. Latifa Abdul-Krum Khatib answered a knock on her door and found her son Tewfik, a member of el-Fatah, standing there. Known by the name "Abu Hittam," Tewfik had just infiltrated into Israel from Lebanon.

He asked his mother and his sister Hanifa, who lives with her, for food and water. They helped him and Tewfik returned the next night.

The prosecutor charges that the two women, by offering the terrorist hospitality, had facilitated his stay in Israel, while knowing that he had entered the country illegally on behalf of a terrorist organization. *(Itim)*

Doctor gets one year for indecent acts

HAIFA. — A 40-year-old Haifa doctor was yesterday sentenced to a one-year jail term for making advances to women who had called at his clinic in response to a "help-wanted" advertisement.

The accused, Dr. Erik Friedman, was originally charged with trying to induce a woman to engage in prostitution. When the prosecution yesterday agreed to drop this charge in exchange for the lesser one of "indecent acts," Friedman immediately changed his plea to guilty.

The revised charge sheet then read that the accused had placed an advertisement in an afternoon paper last October, calling for "an attractive girl" to work in his clinic. Two single girls and a married woman answered the ad. The accused made advances to all three.

Defence counsel Esther Hanin pleaded that her client had lost control of himself and "in a moment of weakness ruined his life and brought disgrace upon himself and his family." This was sufficient punishment, she said.

The District Court judge agreed that the case was "a terrible tragedy" for the accused and his family. However, the doctor's actions were planned and not spontaneous. "A doctor's moral character is expected to be above reproach," he said.

'Pot calling the kettle black'

Mekorot rejects 'Ha'aretz' criticism, calls writer unethical

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Mekorot spokesman yesterday levelled charges of unethical behaviour against a "Ha'aretz" reporter Yigal Laviv, who on Friday started a series of articles on the faltering Vered company, a Mekorot subsidiary, which has accumulated a $10.8m. deficit on its overseas operations.

In answer to questions at a press conference here, the spokesman, Mordechai Jakobowitz, said that Mr. Laviv — who in Friday's first article blamed the former Mekorot and Vered general managers, Ray-Aluf (res.) Zvi Zur and Mr. Avigdor Mendelson, for the debacle — "is the last man to preach morals to others, or to criticize the Vered company."

'PACKAGE DEAL'

He charged that last summer Mr. Leviv had approached him with a "package deal" proposal under which Laviv would "not publish anything detrimental about Vered or Mekorot" if the company granted him and his wife airline tickets and expenses for a trip to Brazil to attend the Rio de Janeiro carnival. "I told him that air tickets were out of the question, but that if he would get to South America on his own account, Vered would be his host for a short visit to its projects there, as we do with journalists and other visitors."

Mr. Jakobowitz said he had also brought the matter to the attention of the two managements, who affirmed that "the maximum we could grant was a few days' visit to our projects."

He informed Mr. Laviv of this decision by phone, "and he told me he had already obtained the air tickets from another source, and asked me to give orders to our managers on the spot to receive him well."

The spokesman said that Mr. Laviv had indeed visited Vered projects in Peru and Brazil. "In Brazil he presented our manager with bills for his expenses (in addition to the hotel bills, which Vered paid) which were far beyond anything we had approved, and were in fact not connected at all with his visits to our projects. The bills were far in excess of what Vered grants it own personnel and visitors for living expenses.

Mr. Laviv, who was informed of the Mekorot charges, phoned every reporter who attended the press conference and threatened to sue all papers which published the story. He denied having offered any "package deal." He confirmed that he had indeed visited Brazil during carnival time and had been Vered's guest there for 10 days, during which time he received $20 a day in expenses, as well as an apartment in lieu of a hotel reservation. He said he had run up no "extravagant expenses" and in fact had paid for two phone calls he made to Israel and for the ticket to the carnival out of his own pocket.

Mr. Jakobowitz commented last night that he stood by his charges but that he had "not carried a tape recorder" to record the offer, "and you will have to take my word for it." Mekorot has written a strong letter to "Ha'aretz" and is awaiting a reply.

"Mr. Laviv appears to have run wild in Brazil. Our manager there informed us that he had never before come up against such extravagant demands from visiting Israeli journalists," he told *The Post*, adding that Vered would refuse to pay some of the bills represented by Mr. Laviv.

The spokesman said that three weeks ago he had invited Mr. Laviv to meet him at Beit Sokolov in Tel Aviv, where he informed him that he had information that Mr. Laviv was preparing a series of articles on Vered for "Ha'aretz."

"I asked him whether he could tell me what he proposed to write and what his sources of information had been. Mr. Laviv replied that he already possessed all the information he needed with the exception of one detail, the total value of Vered's equipment.

"I supplied him with this information and remarked that he had not been 'fair' with us. Mr. Laviv blushed and said that as I had treated him fairly, he would show me the drafts of his articles before publication. He made this offer at his own initiative but did not keep his promise. The first time I saw anything of his articles was his attack last Friday."

Mr. Jakobowitz said that the Government had appointed an inter-ministerial committee to investigate the Vered failure and the State Comptroller would almost certainly also investigate the case. "Until they publish their findings I challenge Mr. Laviv's right to decide who was responsible for Vered's failure," the spokesman said.

He noted that according to the auditors' latest statement, Vered's losses totalled $10.8m. However, the company had filed suit in several countries for several million dollars in damages, and if only half these were met they would cover a considerable part of the deficit.

In Vered's defence he noted that they had gone to work in some countries, mainly in Africa, at the urging of the Foreign Ministry "and not on commercial considerations." Furthermore, some of the losses had resulted from revolutions and devaluations in some of the countries. In Biafra, Vered had lost all its expensive equipment during the civil war.

Vered had now closed down all its South American offices and in Africa was handing over three branches to Solel Boneh. In Iran the company would stay only to complete construction of a big dam which was designed by an American firm.

No solution yet for Jaffa Gate taxi drivers

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Jaffa Gate taxi rank problem is still unsolved, and will remain so until next Sunday at least. The Jerusalem Traffic Committee comprising municipal officials, police officers and Transport Ministry men) postponed its discussion of the issue till Sunday, since Mayor Teddy Kollek was unable to attend the session yesterday.

The 22 East Jerusalem taxi drivers belonging to the rank are objecting to a police plan to move them away from the Gate entrance to a site 50 metres away. The drivers say the site which the police propose is obscured from the Gate by a public lavatory and, thus, their business will fall off. The police claim the presence of 22 taxis milling around the Jaffa Gate is a traffic hazard.

Meanwhile, an unofficial "compromise" is in force, whereby five or six taxis park at Jaffa Gate while the rest wait across the road to replace them after they pick up fares.

Observant professors encourage scheme

Bar-Ilan offers free tuition to religious girl volunteers

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

RAMAT GAN. — Bar-Ilan University is offering free tuition to any religious girl who volunteers to take part in social service projects instead of doing military service. This was announced here yesterday by the authorities of this religious university, with the aim of encouraging religious girls — who usually do not serve in the army — to participate in volunteer programmes.

The free-tuition offer also applies to the University's branches in Ashkelon, Safad and the Jordan Valley. It is believed that these branches will attract most of the volunteer girls, as they would be working in outlying areas and in development towns. The new arrangement also applies to girls already studying at Bar-Ilan. The University spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* that there are a number of student volunteers in Safad already.

Meanwhile, professors and lecturers, mainly from Bar-Ilan, announced at a press conference yesterday that they are setting up an association that would encourage religious girls to join the volunteer programmes. The professors said that such action has become increasingly necessary in recent weeks in view of the anti-volunteer publicity coming mainly from ultra-orthodox and rabbinical circles. Among the speakers at the press conference, all of whom are observant, were the University Rector, Menahem Zvi Kadari; the head of the English Department, Prof. Murray Roston; the head of the Economics Department, Prof. Yehuda Don; and the head of the Education Department, Prof. Uri Simon.

All said that they do not regard social service projects as "sinful" or in any way contrary to *halacha* (religious law). On the contrary, such projects are seen to express one of the basic principles of Judaism — assistance to fellow humans. They added that the girls would also enrich their own experiences and expand their outlook through work in underprivileged communities.

Since the volunteers would be working within a fixed framework, the speakers noted, there is little danger that they would abandon the religious way of life in which they had been brought up.

State appeals release of rape suspect

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The State has lodged an appeal against a Beersheba District Court refusal to remand into pre-trial custody a man charged with raping a 17-year-old boy.

The Beersheba court was informed by the District Attorney that the suspect, a resident of Sderot in the Negev, had committed the alleged offences a few weeks after his release from jail on probation. (He had completed two years of a three-year prison sentence.) He said the suspect had a record of violence, was a danger to the public, and that he should be detained until his trial so as to keep him from intimidating witnesses.

The judge released the supect, on condition that he remain in Jerusalem — i.e. far from Sderot, the scene of the alleged assault — until his trial.

The State's appeal is expected to be heard in the Supreme Court tomorrow.

Say tax official received bribes

NAZARETH. — A senior tax assessor in the Nazareth income tax office was arraigned before Magistrate Elias T. Kteily here over the week-end and remanded for 15 days on suspicion of accepting bribes. He is Salah Khouri, 51.

Jezreel District police, who have been investigating the allegations for over a month, say Khouri received an automobile and thousands of pounds in cash, given to him by building contractors in Nazareth and Shfar'am. Police have also questioned two of the contractors.

Sapir wants Controller to probe Vered losses

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

A proposal by Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir that the investigation into the huge losses of Vered Ltd. be passed to the State Controller was accepted by the Ministerial Economic Committee at its weekly meeting yesterday.

Three weeks ago the Ministerial Committee appointed a committee of three Ministers to study the causes of the multi-million dollar losses of the company — reportedly ranging between $11m. and $18m. One of the members of this three-man committee, Justice Minister Ya'acov Shimshon Shapiro, had intended proposing that a team of experts be appointed to examine the workings of Vered in order to pin-point the causes of Vered's failure, however, he didn't actually bring this proposal before the Ministerial Committee.

At yesterday's meeting Mr. Sapir proposed that the whole issue be transferred to the State Controller's office, and he suggested that representatives of the Government make this suggestion to the Knesset Finance Committee, where Vered is also under discussion. The Knesset Finance Committee reportedly actually proposed to Agriculture Minister Gvati, who was also on the three-man committee, that the issue be passed to the State Controller. This move will effectively remove the issue from the public view until the Controller makes his report.

The Ministerial Economic Committee also appointed a committee headed by Bank of Israel Governor Moshe Zanbar to prepare a list of recommendations for the development of the economy over the coming five years. The committee will in effect be drawing together the ideas raised in ongoing discussions over the past months. The committee was asked to complete its work within two weeks.

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Upward trend

Jerusalem Post Financial Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Bank Hapoalim shares were in brisk demand yesterday, with a demand of 5,500 causing the bearer to rise by 1.5 to 212.5. In the variables, it continued to climb, to 213, 214, 215, closing at 215.5. Its ten per cent accumulative (32,500 demanded) gained three to 219, and then climbed to 219.5 and closed at 220.

In general, the trend was upwards yesterday. The turnover was IL516,000: of this, IL91,000 was in the variables. Both index-linked and dollar-linked bonds were irregular. The turnover in bonds was IL2,336,000. The investment dollar fell by one agora to stand at IL4.28.

In Rehov LAlenblum, the dollar was *IL4.54* and the *DM* was *IL1.44*.

Other stocks which rose: Bank Leumi (9,000) by 0.5 to 237 and then to 237.5: Gus-Tassiyot (4,300) by three to 84: Azorim (500) by 2.5 to 83: Delek (2,100) by one to 120 and Tefahot (17,800) by 1.5 to 137.

The following fell: Electra "A" (23,870) fell by two to 123 (but Electra Ordinary (9,695 demanded) remained firm in the opening round and rose by one to close at 136 in the variables). Solel Boneh ten per cent bearer (3,000) lost one to 122.5, and its 6 per cent (7,000) lost 3.5 to 76, but its ten per cent registered (5,300 demanded) rose by 3.5 to 123.5.

The general index of share prices rose by 0.43 per cent to stand at 149.50.

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LINKED TO THE DOLLAR		
5% Dead Sea Junior	197.5	198
6% Electric Corp. Tranche A	122.9	122.9
8% Electric Corp. Tranche B	125	125
LINKED to the C.o.L. INDEX (Capital and Investment)		
Milve Klita 1965	163.3	163
Bitahon 1968	130.4	130.6
Bitahon 1969	122.7	122.3
SHARES		
Electric Corp. — O.	55.5	56
Union Bank of Israel — O.	134.5	136
Ozrar Hit. Hayshuvim — O.S.	188	188
I.D.B. Co. — O.	194	195
Gen. Mortgage Bank — O.	145.5	145.5
Pal.-British Bank — O.	146	146
Israel Discount Bank — "A" O.	280	281
Mizrachi Bank Ltd. — O.	136.5	136.5
Carmel Mort. & In. Bk. — "O"	111.5	112
Bank Leumi — "A" O.S.	238.5	237
Mg. & In. Bk. for Bldg.—"D" O.	98	98.5
Bank Hapoalim — 10% P.O.	215	219
Industrial Dev. Bk. —8% P.O.	84.5	84.5
Develop. & Mortg. Bank — O.T.	205	205
Housing Mortg. Bank — O.	141	142.5
G.U.S.-Rassco — O.	81	84
Israel Cent. Tr. & Inv.	126	126
Hasneh Insurance Co. — O.	116.5	116.5
Wolfson, Clore, Mayer—O. IL1	98.5	98
Wolfson, Clore, Mayer—O. IL10	58	57.5
Tefahot Isr. Mor. Bank 8% P.O.	185.5	187
Tefahot Is. Mortg. Bank — O.	198	195
Sahar — "C" O.	98.5	98.5
Azorim — O.	82.5	83
Africa-Pal. Investment—O. IL10	145.5	145.5
Israel Land Dev. Co. — O.R.	115.5	115.5
Isr. Land Dev. Co. — 60/61 O.T.	116	116.5
I.C.P. Israel Citrus Plant.—O.	58	56
Property & Build. Corp. — O.	134	135
Mehadrin	140.5	141.5
Pri Gr Ltd.	136.5	136.5
Anglo-Israel Investors — O.	90.5	90.5
Rassco — 8% P.O.T.	56	56
Rassco — O.	37	37.5
Isras	74	74
Neot Aviv — O.	39	39
Alliance — B.T.	617	621
"Elco" Isr.El.-Mech. In.—O.T.	87	88
"Argaman" — 8% P.O.T.	173	173
"Ata" — "C" O. —	107.5	109
Motor House — O.	60.5	61.5
Dubek — 8% P.O.T.	160	161
Cold Stor. & Supp. Co.—O. IL10	93	90
Elect. Wire & Cable Co. — O.	112.5	113.5
Solel Boneh — 10% "A" P.O.	128.5	123.5
Lighterage Supply Co. — O.	72.5	73.5
Chemicals & Phosphates — O.	48	48
Lewin Epstein — 8% P.O.T.	59	57
Moller Textile — O.	126.5	126.5
Nechushtan — 8% P.O.T.	142	142
Teva — O.T.	76.2	76.9
Phonecia — 8% P.O.T.	64	64
Paper Mills — O.	174	173
Assis "B" — O.	157	157
Shemen 8% — P.O.T.	76.5	76.5
"Tsafi" Man. of Plywood — O.	113	113
Delek "C" — O.	119	120
Elgar — O.	107	107.5
Ellern Invest. Co. — O.	127.5	128
Bank Hapoalim Inv. Co. — O.	138	138
Export Bank Inv. Co. — O.	45	45
Paz Investment Develop. — O.	68.6	67.5
Ampa Investment — O.	76	77.5
Discount Bank Inv. Cor. — O.T.	158	159
Japhet Bank Invest. Co. — O.	130	130
Bank Leumi Invest. C. — O.	176.5	177.5
Foreign Trade Invest. C. — O.	58	62
Mizrahi Inv. Corp. — O.	112	112
Hapoel Hamizrahi Inv. Co.—O.	39.5	39.5
"Piryon" Inv. Trust—"B" Sh.	50.5	50.5
Clal Isr. Inv. Co. — O.	100	100
Naphtha — O.T.	64	64
Lapidoth — O.	106.5	107

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Seker item being probed for chauvinist content

By SUSAN BELLOS
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Mr. Eliad Peled, Director-General of the Ministry of Education, told the *Jerusalem Post* yesterday that he was going to investigate a comprehension question in this year's *Seker* examination, which stated that non-Jewish peoples in Palestine made no significant cultural contribution. Mr. Peled, who said that he did not have full details on how the question came to be included, described the question as "out of place though I would not go so far as to describe it as a racist." He said he was sure the question was the result of a mistake, rather than any chauvinist intention. However, he added, "we do not want such a mistake repeated."

The question read as follows: "The Zionist settlement in Palestine never succeeded. Jews dwelling in the Land of Israel always saw themselves as an elite representing the entire Jewish people, irrespective of the general number of Jews here. Many of the Jews in the country were rabbis and scholarly works. In contrast to them, the Arabs and Christians who have settled in the country did not create anything important, despite the holiness this country represented to their religions."

IN DEFENCE

However, Dr. Arye Levy, head of the Education Ministry's committee on the *Seker*, defended the choice of this passage. A reading comprehension test, he explained, is not a passage intended to convey value judgements or to indoctrinate children one way or the other. The *Seker*, Dr. Levy said, "contains a random selection of reading passages based on the kind of material a child is likely to come across every day." Dr. Levy, who approved the passage, said that he did not know its source. Passages were submitted by supervisors who did not have to list the author, and this one was passed because it was a "good comprehension piece."

The values expressed in the passage, Dr. Levy said, were irrelevant. He did not think the passage expressed racial sentiment, nor was he even sure that it was chauvinist. After all, he pointed out, there were Arab poets in Palestine. "But they did not contribute things on a universal scale, such as the Bible or the Talmud." The passage, Dr. Levy thought, "reflects the general opinion and values of the Israeli public."

Dr. Emanuel Kopolowitz, who is in charge of Arab education, told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that comprehension passages for Arab schools were quite different. "We do not translate from the Hebrew-language texts, because language questions must inevitably be different from one language to another," he said.

Engineers sound warning to Labour M'stry

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — If the consulting committee on the working conditions of engineers and architects is not set up by December 25, members of the Association of Engineers and Architects will cease to cooperate with the authorities and will resign from the Engineering Council (made up of professionals, Technion men and Government representatives), Association sources warned on Friday.

The Minister of Labour, who was supposed to name the members of the committee, has been informed.

The Labour Ministry spokesman told *The Post* that there has been some difficulty in finding members for the committee who are acceptable to all the parties to the issue. The Ministry is hopeful that the make-up of the committee will be ready by December 25, but doesn't promise it.

Six months ago, when the Katchalski Committee submitted its resolutions to the Minister, Mr. Yosef Almogi, he promised to announce within two weeks who the members of the new body would be. Nothing has happened since then, the engineers said.

The announcement is part of the tug-of-war between the Association and the Technicians Union, who object to some findings of the Katchalski Committee regarding certain jobs that unqualified personnel would be permitted to perform. A long list has been drawn up by the Katchalski Committee, subject to periodical adjustment by a consulting committee.

Til workers agree to dismissals

By YA'ACOV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A list of 100 "redundant" workers to be retired at the bankrupt Autocars Til plant is expected to be in the hands of the court-appointed receivers within 48 hours. The move comes as the shop committee bowed to the demands of the receivers, who threatened that the plant may have to close down unless the workers came up with such a list.

The receiver will now hand the list over to Tel Aviv District Court Judge Shlomo Lowenberg, who has fixed December 15 as the date by which he will decide whether to liquidate the company or continue efforts to revive it.

The Til plant has not been operating at full capacity for more than two years, and Haifa Labour Council secretaries Yisrael Aharonowitz and Eliezer Molk have been trying to persuade the workers that their insistence on "no dismissals whatsoever" would endanger the jobs of all of them in view of the plant's low rate of production.

Secretary Molk promised the workers at a meeting yesterday that the Council would hold out for fair compensation for those discharged and said he would plead for an increase in the number of workers over and above the 220 whom the court and the Finance Minister say is a reasonable number of men to be employed there. Once the plant would be back in full production, he said, it would become apparent that more than 220 workers are needed.

Meanwhile, Haifa police are pursuing, quietly and relentlessly, their investigation into alleged irregularities. Last week the police also questioned Mr. Meir Amit, the General Manager of Koor. Police spokesman Chief Superintendent Haim Fraenkel denied yesterday that former Autocars head Yitzhak Shubinsky, had asked for his passport back. (He had given it to the police, though he was not required to do so under a court-ordered search warrant.) One of Mr. Shubinsky's sons is said to intend marrying at the end of the month and it is expected that he will ask for his passport so that he can go to England for the wedding. His wife and two sons are already in England.

Water drilling started near Ramat Shalom on Golan

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Mekorot Water Company Ltd. has started drilling for water near Ramat Shalom, its first drill on Mt. Hermon. The well, to go down to a depth of 1,000 metres (to the jura layer), is to supply water to the settlement, Mekorot spokesman Mordechai Jakobowitz told a press conference here yesterday.

He announced that Mekorot is engaged in considerable water drilling and construction work in the Golan Heights. It has set up a pumping station on the shores of Lake Kinneret, which is to pump 10m. cubic metres of lake water annually up to the southern part of the Heights, to solve the water problems of the three settlements there (Givat Yoav, Neot Golan and Bnei Yehuda). Another project is being executed at the Birkat Ram Lake in the northern part of the Heights, which is to supply 4.25m. cu.m. annually to Kuneitra, Marom Hagolan, Ein Zivan and the Druse village of Majdal Shams. The small lake is to be turned into a reservoir for storing winter flood waters for use during the summer.

BUILDING PREFABS

The spokesman noted that Mekorot is also acting as a building contractor for the Housing Ministry on the Golan Heights, putting up dozens of prefab apartments (manufactured by the Yuval-Gad company in Ashkelon), shelters and public buildings in the settlements. The jobs will amount to IL14m., more than half of the total sum being spent for building in Golan Heights settlements.

Questioned by *The Post*, Mr. Jakobowitz "could not say" why the prefabs for the Golan Heights were being trucked all the way from Ashkelon — though a prefab plant is in operation at Carmiel, in the Western Galilee — a much shorter distance away. "We only do the building; the Ministry supplies the prefab elements," he said.

Encyclopedia, phonograph among Toy Fund gifts

Even though we started late, *The Jerusalem Post Toy Fund* is now well on schedule, with IL12,718.25 in contributions already in, and a list so long that some names won't be printed until tomorrow. IL2,018.50 came in yesterday. Only a small part of what we want to do has been taken care of, though, so keep your contributions coming.

The Tel Aviv office of *The Jerusalem Post* received a lovely gift for the Toy Fund yesterday afternoon. A set of seven volumes of the "Da'at" children's encyclopedia from the four children of Dr. Melvin Kramer, Cederhurst, Long Island. The children, the eldest of whom is Nancy, 12, decided to give up their birthday presents and make a contribution to the children's Toy Fund. One of the Ministry of Welfare's institutions will be the delighted recipient.



At our downtown Jerusalem office, Anneliese Mach brought in a lovely little record player — another most welcome gift for an institution.

Our list of contributors from yesterday includes:

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IL5 — P.L.; V.C.; Assia Pasternak; Mrs. Margot Solowiejczy; Haifa. Fanny Lee, Kiryat Tivon. In memory of our dear mother Mrs. A.S. Yutels from Dov and Nechama Vaisbuch.

El Al driver charged with smuggling goods

LOD AIRPORT. — A driver for El Al who has recently returned from abroad is suspected of attempting to smuggle commercial quantities of goods into the country.

Authorities say the man, who was not named, declared he was carrying a certain number of rolls of wall-covering, but a customs inspection showed many more rolls of the material than he had declared. In addition, more than 10 bottles of whisky and 10 cartons of cigarettes were found in his luggage. The goods have been seized.

Strike threat in J'lem Corridor settlements

The Jerusalem Labour Council yesterday approved the declared labour dispute at the Mateh Yehuda Regional Council, and warned that unless the employees' wage demands were met it would authorize a strike. Some 500 workers, employed at settlements belonging to the Mateh Yehuda region in the Jerusalem Corridor, claim that their counterparts in other regional councils are getting more pay for doing less work. The workers include bus drivers, sanitation workers, school janitors and nutrition workers.

THE FOUNDING CONFERENCE of the Israel Nuclear Society will take place at the University of the Negev in Beersheba today. The Negev Institute for Arid Zone Research and the University will hold their fourth annual symposium on environmental physiology tomorrow and Tuesday. On Wednesday and Thursday, a two-day symposium on particulate systems will be held there under the joint sponsorship of the University and the National Council for Research and Development.

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THE 10TH ALIYA has presented the Israel Committee for Unicef with a sum of IL5,000, as the contribution of Youth Aliya children to the children of Bangla Desh.

Man, infant die in Gaza accidents

Jerusalem Post Reporter

GAZA. — A 32-year-old man and a two-year-old boy were killed in two separate accidents here on Saturday.

Muhammed Jadab, 32, was hitching a trailer to his brother's truck. He had forgotten to set the hand brake, and the truck rolled backward, crushing him against the trailer. He died on the way to hospital.

At the Nuseirat refugee camp here, Ali Hajadi, two, fell into a tub of boiling water which his mother was preparing for laundry. He was taken to Khan Yunis Hospital, where he died shortly after admission.

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Defence budget cut by IL60m.

Jerusalem Post Reporter

This year's defence outlay will be cut by IL60m.

A week-end meeting between Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir and Mr. Zvi Tsur, the special adviser to Defence Minister Moshe Dayan, resulted in this agreement on the savings in the 1971/72 budget of the Defence Ministry — which has just over three months to run.

With the cuts in the current budgets of the other ministries to the tune of IL135m. already approved by the Cabinet, the total savings comes to IL195m.

A supplementary state budget for the current year — of IL1,500m. — which will be tabled in a day or two, will include the total savings of IL195m. This supplementary state budget was rendered necessary primarily by the devaluation of last summer and by increases in teachers' salaries.

The Knesset Finance Committee had originally suggested total cuts of IL300m., when it met during the summer recess. This was supposed to represent IL140m. less from Defence and IL160m. less from all the other ministries combined. The Cabinet succeeded in cutting the IL160m. down to IL135m. with little trouble, since it was really a matter of striking off budgets which had been "frozen" anyway. But Defence Minister Dayan objected to the IL140m. cuts scheduled for him.

BOOKKEEPING

The top-level committee of ministers due to recommend cuts in the 1972/73 defence budget had also been asked to help slash the current budget. But Premier Golda Meir's trip to the U.S. slowed down its deliberations; and, since it was impossible to further hold up the tabling of the supplementary state budget for 1971/72, Mr. Sapir and Mr. Tsur got together. Their agreement could easily be a bookkeeping arrangement, since the missing IL60m. could be recouped from next year's defence budget — of which it would represent about one per cent.

Ben-Aharon warns against Added Value Tax

By SRAYA SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Wage contracts signed this coming January will become void if the proposed Added Value Tax is introduced next year, Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon warned yesterday.

Addressing the weekly meeting of the labour federation's Central Committee, he also said that the Histadrut had told Government officials in "private contacts" that it would seek [illegible] for an eight per cent cost-of-living allowance on salaries up to IL700 monthly; a minimum basic wage of IL450 monthly and a general increase of five per cent in all basic salaries.

In addition, the organization would press for profit-sharing schemes, to benefit workers in enterprises that showed a profit at year's end. He also said that the Histadrut would reserve the right — in event of a major economic upheaval — to ask for further pay increases to preserve the wage-earner's purchasing power.

Mr. Uriel Abrahamowicz, head of the Histadrut Trade Union Department, said that while nominal wages rose by 30 per cent over the past two years, the rise in purchasing power did not exceed two or three per cent.

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First Hanukka candle lit at Western Wall

Jerusalem Post Staff

The first light of Hanukka was lit last night at the Western Wall and in homes throughout Israel. The eight-day holiday commemorates the re-dedication of the Temple in Jerusalem by the Maccabees in 165 B.C.E.

Schools will close for the winter recess starting tomorrow and will re-open on December 22.

In Jerusalem, a cold and wind-swept little congregation watched the Minister for Religious Affairs, Dr. Zerah Warhaftig, usher in Hanukka by kindling the first light of the giant *hanukkiya* (candelabrum) at the Western Wall.

The Shtibbel Male Choir made a valiant effort to warm up the proceedings, but a piercing wind blowing across the plaza proved more potent. As soon as the flame was lit the assembly dispersed into numerous *minyanim* (prayer quorums), recited a hasty *ma'ariv* (evening prayers) and hurried off to their own warm homes and Hanukka parties.

MODI'IN TORCH

Among the worshippers was the State Comptroller, Dr. Yitzhak Nebenzahl, who frequently attends evening services at the Wall.

The traditional torch was kindled yesterday at Modi'in — the burial ground of the Maccabees — and relayed to Lod Airport by runners of the "Young Maccabee" youth organization. At Lod, the torch was handed over to Ruth Alexandrovich, the Jewish nurse who settled in Israel recently after passing through Soviet prisons. She took the torch — extinguished — aboard an El Al flight for New York. At Kennedy Airport the torch was to be handed to members of the Massada youth movement, who will relay the relit torch to every major Jewish community in the U.S. during the week of Hanukka.

At Keren Sartaba, in the Jordan Valley, 768 metres above the Dead Sea, a handful of soldiers assembled in the severe cold while an army chaplain lit the first Hanukka candle. Addressing the gathering, the O/C Jordan Valley said:

"We shall continue to fulfil the tasks assigned us and to guard with alertness and steadfastness this valley and its settlers. May this candle we are lighting tonight atop historic Satarba shine on our brethren who are fighting for their right to be with us — and on our road to peace."

In Tel Aviv, Kikar Malchei Yisrael (City Hall Square) was lit up by thousands of flaming torches yesterday afternoon, as 2,000 elementary school pupils converged on the plaza to hold their annual Hanukka ceremony.

HISTORICAL TOUR

In Jerusalem, high school pupils attended a special Hanukka gathering at Hechal Shlomo. Tomorrow, the Municipality is conducting an historical tour of the city for the public — with the stress on sites connected with the Hanukka story. The tour sets off from Beit Ha'am at 7.30 a.m.

In Haifa, the Labour Council yesterday held its traditional flag-raising ceremony outside its headquarters to mark the beginning of Hanukka and the 51st anniversary of the Histadrut, which was founded in Haifa on Hanukka eve. Rehov Herzl, the main thoroughfare, was illuminated with strings of coloured lights, as were many public buildings and factories.

Ashdod water supply back to normal

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ASHDOD. — This city's water supply yesterday returned to near-normal following two weeks of shortage caused by the shutting down of two of the town's five wells for repairs.

One of the wells, owned by Mekorot and yielding 70 c.m. per hour, was dismantled on November 29 for repairs. It was reinstalled on December 8 following an urgent appeal from the mayor, who said the shortage was seriously affecting the town's industries, as well as residents living in the upper stories of apartment houses.

Yesterday, Mekorot diverted more water to the municipal pipelines. According to a Mekorot spokesman, the town should now have an adequate water supply pending repair of the second, locally owned, well.

Senior official in Education M'stry resigns

By SUSAN BELLOS
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Mr. Shraga Adiel, the deputy Director-General of the Ministry of Education who is in charge of pedagogic affairs, is resigning. According to a Ministry bulletin issued yesterday, Mr. Adiel is being seconded to the Jewish Agency, and will shortly take up the position of Director-General of Youth Aliya.

Mr. Adiel, who was appointed head of the Ministry's Pedagogic Secretariat 14 months ago, is regarded as the brains of the Ministry and one of the leading architects of the school reform. His position, when appointed deputy Director-General and head of the secretariat, was parallel to that of the then newly appointed Director-General of the Ministry, Mr. Elad Peled. However, conflicts were said to have developed between the two men.

Mr. Peled told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that Mr. Adiel "is not resigning" and relations between him and Mr. Adiel were satisfactory. He added, however, "When I came in I made it clear that I was going to be the boss."

Mr. Adiel, who is very widely respected in the educational world, is going to be succeeded as deputy Director-General by Mr. Yosef Schochet, who is now senior adviser to the Minister of Education. As yet, no successor has been appointed to head the Pedagogic Secretariat.

Mr. Schochet was formerly head of post-elementary education, and it is not yet clear what his new duties will be.

Italians still trying to elect President

ROME (AP). — A test of strength between Catholics and Marxists prevented Parliament yesterday from electing the president of Italy on the fifth and sixth ballots. Neo-Fascists made a surprise bid for a decisive role in the election by casting blank ballots in last night's inconclusive vote.

This came after the day's first vote revealed the first crack in the leftist front supporting the Marxist candidate, Deputy Premier Francesco Martino, who got 399 votes to Aminore Fanfani, nominated by the Christian Democrats, who obtained 385. Martino in the second vote jumped to 413, his highest so far in four days of voting for the Republic's sixth head of state. Fanfani, 64, slipped to 378 in the second vote.

Five hundred and five votes, a simple majority, were needed to elect the president. The 1,008 deputies, senators and regional delegates eligible to vote were called to a seventh ballot this morning.

TODAY'S POSTBAG

THE JERUSALEM District Court has enjoined the presentation of, or sale of tickets for, any performance of a play by the name of "Mis' haketzev," that name belonging to a TV programme. The Broadcasting Authority objects to the non-TV performance of the work, which has been scheduled for Mitchell Auditorium in the Capital for this Thursday.

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25 YOUNG NURSES received their diplomas on Thursday night from Haifa Mayor Moshe Flieman at Beit Harofe. They are graduates of the nurses school attached to Rothschild Hospital. The new nurses have already been snapped up by hospitals around the country, by the army's medical set-up and by public health services.

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THE MAYOR of Beit Jalla complained to Bethlehem police on Friday that unknown persons had broken into the Municipality offices Thursday and had attempted to open the safe. They had failed. The safe at the time contained several thousand pounds in cash and cheques.

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Ruth Alexandrovich Averbuch receiving the Modi'in torch for relay to New York. (Israel Sun)

Hanukka youth tennis tourney starts today

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — More than 300 boys and girls have entered the Israel Lawn Tennis Association's annual regional Hanukka championships, which — weather permitting — begin today in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Haifa, Beersheba and Netanya.

The series of tournaments, one of the big events of the local junior tennis calendar, will continue throughout the holiday and are scheduled to end this week-end, I.L.T.A. Youth Section chairman Haim Landes told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

The 11th annual Greater Tel Aviv area championships at the Hapoel courts here are being contested by some 150 youngsters, tournament manager Meir Szucs stated. In the major boys' under-18 singles, Tel Aviv Maccabi-North's Danny Kalovsky, 16, will be defending the title he won last Hanukka, when he completed a rare double by also taking the under-15 crown.

Venue of the other tournaments are: Jerusalem West Y.M.C.A.; Netanya Maccabi; Haifa Carmel Country Club, where participants will include members of Galilee kibbutzim; and Beersheba Tennis Club, where players from Rishon Lezion and Ashkelon will be among the competitors.

Top juniors Reuven Porges and Yair Wertheimer, who will represent Israel at the coming world junior tennis championships at Miami Beach, Florida, are meanwhile undergoing intensive indoor and outdoor training with national coach Ronald Steele prior to their departure for the U.S. on Friday. (Because of the trip, they will not be able to take part in the Hanukka tournaments).

12-year-old murder suspect ordered held

TEL AVIV. — A 12½-year-old boy suspected of killing a 72-year-old Tel Aviv man on December 6 was yesterday remanded for the duration of the legal proceedings against him.

He is charged with the murder of Eliezer Weinberger, a clerk in a jewellery shop. The boy allegedly killed the clerk by striking him on the skull with an iron bar. Police say the boy, who lives away from his parents, has, despite his age, a long criminal record.

District Court Judge Yitzhak Shiloh, in ordering the boy held, noted that the Social Welfare Minister has so far failed to set up a special home for very young delinquents, despite the fact that the law requires that they be kept apart from other criminals.

Further threat to pathologist in Beersheba

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The director of the Kupat Holim Negev Central Hospital in Beersheba, Dr. Yosef Stern, yesterday received a threatening letter signed by "The Students Organization."

Postmarked in Jerusalem, the letter warns that, "If we hear of any more autopsies being performed in your hospital, we will take the necessary measures — even if we have to kill one of the pathologists."

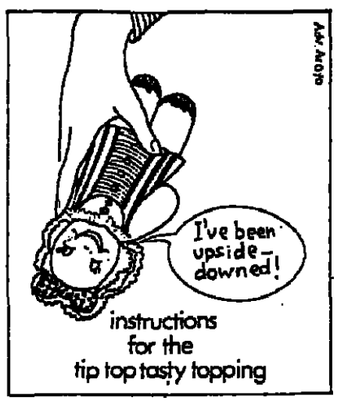
Enclosed in the envelope was a surgical scalpel.

Dr. Stern handed the letter over to the police.

East Jerusalem sportsmen get Hapoel vote

The Jerusalem Labour Council yesterday decided to grant 80 East Jerusalem residents the right to vote in the coming local and national Hapoel elections. The 80 are active participants in Hapoel sports activities in East Jerusalem.

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T.A. Maccabi may lose U.S. players for lack of funds

By PAUL KOHN
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The management of Tel Aviv Maccabi met last night in emergency session to discuss the club's financial difficulties. The failure of the Tel Aviv Maccabi basketball team to reach the quarter-finals of the European Cupholders Championships will cost the club hundreds of thousands of pounds, it is learned.

The first victims of Maccabi's poor finances will probably be Ron Dunlop and Steve Chubin, the basketball team's American players, who are expected to return to the U.S. Chubin may, however, decide to settle in Israel — as did his American clubmate, Tal Brodie — in which case he will remain with Tel Aviv Maccabi.

NEBENZAHL REAPPOINTED FOR 3RD TERM

President Zalman Shazar yesterday reappointed State Comptroller I.E. Nebenzahl for a third term, which will run for five years.

In a toast to Dr. Nebenzahl, President Shazar wished him continued success in his post and noted that public interest in his office's activities has never been as intense as it is today. He said Dr. Nebenzahl's alertness in his job was responsible in large measure for the public's insistence on clean government. Dr. Nebenzahl is also the Ombudsman.



Present at the reappointment ceremony was the Acting Prime Minister, Mr. Yigal Allon; the Speaker of the Knesset, Mr. Reuven Barkatt; the former State Comptroller, Dr. Siegfried Moses; and senior Government and Knesset officials.

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Sapir proposes stricter controls of Gov't firms

Jerusalem Post Reporter

State corporations are due to come under greater and more effective supervision, in the wake of new measures taken by Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, with the Cabinet's approval.

Mr. Sapir told the Cabinet yesterday that he would reveal these measures publicly in the Knesset this week, when he replies to a debate on motions for the agenda, about wastage and ineffective supervision in State enterprises.

(The Knesset Presidium will today decide whether the debate is to take place this afternoon or Wednesday. The motions — all regular, i.e. not urgent — were tabled by Gahal, the State List, the Free Centre, the Communists and Ha'olam Hazeh. The N.R.P. had an urgent motion on the same topic, but is not having a regular one.)

Mr. Sapir will apparently not object to the Knesset voting a plenum debate on the five motions. However, there is no reason why the Coalition should not "overrule" him, and refer the motions to Committee, or even strike them off the agenda.

ASKS FOR FLOOR

At yesterday's Cabinet, Mr. Sapir "asked for the floor" to correct what the official communique described as "publications on the handling of State corporations" — without saying what these were. The reference is to reports and allegations involving Netivei Neft and Vered (which are State corporations) and Autocars (which has large State guarantees) in particular, as well as to State corporations generally.

The Cabinet did not hold a discussion on Mr. Sapir's announcement yesterday. But Acting Premier Yigal Allon said he hoped that Mr. Sapir would clear up the matter in the Knesset, and set the record straight.

The Knesset Economic Committee will this morning hold another public session on the collapse of the Autocars vehicle manufacturing complex. Former Manager Yitzhak Shubinsky will appear.

Allon defends Y.S. Shapiro

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Justice Minister Y. S. Shapiro was defended from his critics for the second time in three weeks, at yesterday's Cabinet session.

After Finance Minister Sapir made a statement about supervision of State corporations, Acting Premier Yigal Allon went on to vindicate the Justice Minister, attacks on whom had risen to a new peak at last Thursday's meeting of Labour women, with the Finance Minister, at which Mrs. Shulamit Aloni called Mr. Shapiro a "liar." This was in connection with the Netivei Neft affair.

Mr. Allon said that he was speaking for everyone in the Cabinet, when he objected vigorously to the baseless suspicions cast on Mr. Shapiro in connection with Netivei Neft. The smear technique was a reprehensible system, the Acting Premier said.

The Cabinet extended its "absolute trust" to Mr. Shapiro's statements about his handling of the Netivei Neft enquiry, Mr. Allon said, as it did in respect of Mr. Shapiro's statements on every other issue. He had not thought it possible to hold a Cabinet session, without reacting to the smears, he said.

Knesset C'tee will study sewage ponds

The operation of the Dan Area sewage treatment ponds west of Rishon Lezion will come under review by the Knesset's Interior Committee in the near future, Mr. Mordechai Surkiss, its chairman, said Friday. The committee visited the ponds last week, following renewed complaints of foul odours coming from them.

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THE WEATHER

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Tiberias	46	12—21	10—1
Nazareth	67	12—16	9—1
Afula	53	12—19	9—1
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Tel Aviv	67	17—19	11—1
Lod	57	16—26	10—1
Jericho	51	11—23	10—1
Gaza	53	16—18	11—1
Beersheba	41	12—16	9—1
Eilat	30	12—22	11—2
Tiran	57	18—27	13—2

ARRIVALS

Aharon Zeitlin, a noted Yiddish writer and writer for "The Day-Morning Journal" in New York, and Mrs. Zeitlin for a prolonged visit.

DEPARTURES

Film star Edward G. Robinson, after making a guest appearance in "Not a Day and Not by Night," now being shot in Israel.

Prof. Y. Kutscher of Hebrew Univ. dies in U.S.

Professor Yechezkel Kutscher, Professor of Hebrew Philology at the Hebrew University and one of the world's foremost experts in Hebrew and Aramaic, died of a heart attack in Los Angeles on Sunday. The 63-year-old professor was there on sabbatical leave from the University.

A native of Topolcany, Slovakia, Professor Kutscher came to the country in 1931 and enrolled at the Yeshivat Merkaz Harav and Hebrew University. He later taught at the Horev School and the Mizrachi Teachers Seminary in Jerusalem. In 1949 he was appointed to the faculty of the Hebrew University, where he was named Associate Professor of Hebrew Philology in 1960.

Professor Kutscher was a prolific writer in the field of language research, and one of his books—"The Language and Linguistic Background of the Isaiah Scroll" — won him the Israel Prize for 1961. Only a few weeks ago, the first volume of his latest work on the origin of the Aramaic language appeared.

Details of funeral arrangements were still not known at press time last night. (Itim)

Allon denies charge by Lubavitcher Rebbe

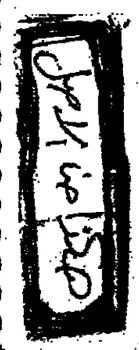
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Acting Premier Yigal Allon denied at yesterday's Cabinet session, in reply to a question from Religious Affairs Minister Dr. Zerah Warhaftig, that any Israeli emissary had been sent abroad to handle immigrants who are partners in mixed marriages. No such person was sent either to the Soviet Union or to a transit point in Europe, Mr. Allon said, scotching rumours given prominence recently by the Lubavitcher Rebbe in New York, Rabbi Menahem Mendel Schneerson, the world Habad leader.

Mr. Allon said that the recurrent rumours had been probed thoroughly and found to have no basis. Two previous public denials by Dr. Warhaftig and by Interior Minister Dr. Yosef Burg failed to put an end to the rumours earlier.

THE JEFFROYKIN PRIZE for research in Eastern European Jewry was presented by Mr. Jacob Tsur, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Jewish National Fund, to the widow of the late Prof. Israel Halpern, for his comprehensive treatise "Jews and Judaism in Eastern Europe." The prize, of $2,000, is awarded biennially by the Hebrew University.

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